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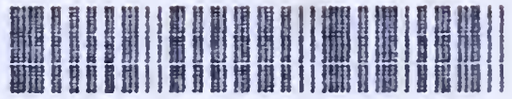
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OF THE

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ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

For the Year ending December 27th, 1882.

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HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, March 2d, A.D., 1882.

PRESENT :

Comp.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES E. MEYER, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions DANIEL THOMPSON, GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, and CHARLES E. MEYER.

Past Grand Secretary, Companion JOHN THOMSON.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Companions FRENCH, SLINGLUFF and CAMPBELL.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 162, 169, 173, 175, 181, 183, 190, 197, 208, 214, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 236, 240, 242, 243, 245, 248, 250, 252, 256, 258.

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Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 8th, and of the Grand Communication, held December 27th last, were separately read and approved.

Code of By-laws from Chapter No. 171, and amendments to By-laws of Chapters 212 and 234 were received and referred to Committee on By-laws.

Petitions were received from the following chapters:

Chapter No. 232, to receive new petition from P. H. K., rejected in Chapter No. 183, consent being given by No. 183.

Chapter No. 91, to receive new petition from C. T., rejected in said Chapter.

Chapter No. 193, to receive new petition from S. B., rejected in said Chapter.

On motion, severally made, permission was granted, under the usual restrictions.

Petition was read from Chapter No. 169 to remove the suspension of Comp. I. E. W., suspended in error, which was, on motion, granted.

A missive was read from the Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Nevada, appointing Companion Dennis F. Dealy as representative of said Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On motion Companion Dealy was received and acknowledged as said representative.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Brothers and Companions:

Your Committee on By-Laws, having carefully examined the By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws referred to them, respectfully offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 171 be amended by striking out of Sect. 2, of Art, II. the words, "the order," and inserting the word "Freemasonry" in their place; by striking out of Sect. 4 of the same article the words, "election of members," and inserting "balloting on applications" in their place; by inserting in Sect. 2 of Article III, immediately before the words "M. E. High Priest," the words "Secretary to read and present to the;" by striking out the words "to announce;" by striking out the word "and," and inserting in its place the words, "Whereupon the M. E. High Priest shall announce;" by inserting in Sect. 3 of the same article, after the word "Chapter," the words, "and the D. D. Grand High Priest;" and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapters No. 212 and No. 234 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Alexander Simpson,

Chairman.

Phila., March 2, 1882, A.I., 2412.

On motion the report was received and resolution attached thereto adopted.

General returns were received for the year 1881 from Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 52, 150, 152, 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 170, 173, 175, 176, 180, 181, 185, 186, 187, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, 200, 202, 203, 208, 209, 210, 211. 216, 217, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 235, 237, 241, 243, 244, 245, 247, 248, 254, 257, 259.

Mark Lodges 91, 214, 216.

Which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Amendment to Article X, Section 4, of the Constitution offered at the last Quarterly Communication, was considered and adopted.

A complaint was read from Chapter 173 against a Chapter in New Jersey, for receiving the petition and conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon a candidate residing within this jurisdiction, which was on motion referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Report of the Special Committee on the case of Bradford Chapter and T. C. was then considered.

The 1st Resolution was agreed to.

The 2d Resolution was amended by striking out the words "or to any other Lodge or Chapter," and as amended was then lost,

Comp. William J. Kelly, who had been requested by the M. E. Grand High Priest to prepare a sketch of the life of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Alfred

R. Potter, then read the following, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the accompanying Resolution adopted.

M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The call of death goes grimly on, and one by one, our old and honored chiefs are summoned to appear in the presence of Omnipotence. His shafts are relentlessly hurled, and his victims ever and anon drop by the wayside; and their career of usefulness, or otherwise, ends as to their earthly mission, and nothing more is left but the impressions for good or evil, and the kindly memories of their examples. If their work is well and truly done, it brings with it the regrets of those who loved them during life, and they pay, as best they can, their tribute to their memory.

We meet on this occasion to pay our tribute to one such of the departed, for Alfred R. Potter, one of the distinguished among us, has gone. His work is over; it has left its impression; his life its cherished memories, and his position among us its realities. This Grand Chapter has been conspicuously blessed with officers who were well-fitted for the duties imposed upon them, and doubly blessed in selecting those who, not only for their sterling integrity, but for their brilliant talents, have kept the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter in the front rank of Capitular Masonry. In that galaxy, both living and dead, our deceased companion, M. E. Comp. Alfred R. Potter, held a distinguished position, and from among them all he is the one who will be most missed by the members of this body, who were joined to him by those ties of affection which are stronger than thongs of steel.

Our deceased companion was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, January 12th, 1817. His ancestors were of the sturdy yeomen of New England, having settled under a Patent of Land granted by Charles the First, in Rhode Island. His

father, Shelden Potter, was a man of culture and education and printed the first American prayer-book of the Episcopal Church service. He had intended his son for a high profession,—most probably the Church,—and he was under training in a preparatory school for the University of Pennsylvania, when his father died; at the age of 16 years, he was compelled to relinquish his studies and commence to labor for the support of his widowed mother and family. His first position was that of a clerk in a store on Market street in this city, where he remained for some time. He then went to New Orleans and became bookkeeper in a stationery store; thence to Hinds Co., Miss., where he was appointed clerk of the Court; after remaining for some time he returned to Philadelphia, entered the store of Myers, Claghorn & Co., and was engaged in that house as employee and partner through its successive changes until 1874, when he dissolved his connection therewith and became the agent of the John Hancock Life Insurance Co., of Boston, Mass., and at the expiration of about one year became the agent of the Mutual Benefit Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J., in which capacity he served until his death.

Companion Potter was of a gentle and confiding disposition, and for one who had suffered so greatly by over-confidence in the integrity of others, he was a marvel of generosity and helpfulness. His later years were dimmed by embarrassments of a nature that would appal the strongest. Liabilities assumed to save friends were met at maturity without a murmur on his part; anxious, wakeful nights and unhappy days were spent to make provision for that which he had undertaken, not for profit but from the promptings of a heart which knew no guile nor an unkind pulsation.

Added to those embarrassments were those of a physical nature, to which he was subject for many years, and which, of themselves, were enough to break the stoutest spirit; and I doubt if the man lives who can recall that he ever heard an impatient word escape him or a dissatisfied look cross his countenance. He was a paragon of good nature, a true friend, an ardent worker, an enthusiast to help the helpless and benefactor to all.

He was a citizen of the Republic in its broadest sense, for while not holding office, he was a power in the government; extensive acquaintance and influence with our legislators, his intelligent and broad views of their duties and our necessities, always kindly, but clearly expressed and enforced, that carried conviction of his earnestness and the soundness of his views.

During the late war between the North and the South, now so happily ended as to leave barely a trace of its existence, he was active in hospital and charitable work for the benefit of soldiers and their families, and in his late home are many mementoes and acknowledgments of the effective efforts looking to their relief. Socially, he was genial and intelligent, and no one, however diffident, found any difficulty in making his acquaintance or stating their case without embarrassment in his presence. He was such a man, M. E. G. H. R., as we could take to our heart of hearts, and feel honored in being the possessor of his warmest esteem and friendship. With such qualities we can readily see that he was just such an one as would naturally join our fraternity, and he has many times told me that for over twelve years, having conceived a favorable opinion of the fraternity, he had the idea constantly in his mind. Intending to make Philadelphia his permanent home, he had waited until he was finally located here so as to join us. His petition to Philadelphia Lodge No. 71, was presented November, 1851, and we find him entered in that Lodge December 18th of that year. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, January 15th, 1852, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, February 19th following; when, after serving in various minor offices in his Lodge, he was elected its Worshipful Master, December 17th, 1857. He was elected trustee of his Lodge January 16th, 1862, and was reelected annually until his death.

An idea of the respect and affection in which he was held by his Lodge can be gathered from the fact that when a number of his brethren started a new Lodge and desired to honor him by giving it his name, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, donated $1000 to insure the success of Potter Lodge, No. 441.

He was appointed an Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, December 27th, 1860, and so efficient was he in the board, that he was elected its President in 1863, and served as such until Decemder, 1867. He was appointed a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge, December 27th, 1866, and served one year. December, 1867, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the R. W. Grand Lodge, re-elected December, 1868; Senior Grand Warden, December, 1869, re-elected 1870; Deputy Grand Master, 1871, re-elected 1872; Grand Master 1873 and 1874; was appointed on the Committee on Land Marks, December 27th, 1875, and served as such until his death.

He was also appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and continued as such until death. It will be remembered by most of the companions of the Grand Chapter that Companion Potter as Grand Master was a safe officer. His nature and temperament abhorred making a mistake. He was one of the most prompt to decide a question in his own mind I ever met, and when a prime necessity called for prompt action, he was as quick as a lightning flash to carry his decision into effect. But if there was no immediate pressure bearing upon the interests of the Grand Lodge, or no principle of Masonry jeopardized by delay, he was careful to the very verge of procrastination before his decision would be promulgated.

His was a nature that naturally distrusted his own judgment, while his conscientiousness was so profoundly sensitive that it drove him to very largely consult his friends upon many of the questions that arose under his administration, and notwithstanding his was a time as R. W. G. M., when considerable difficulty, and several important and novel questions were decided in the interim of the Grand Lodge meetings, yet in no case was he reversed by the Grand Lodge upon a full report, a compliment shared, perhaps, by most of our Grand Masters, but none the less complimentary to him, who, as before said, steered us through a difficult and stirring time. I am confident that

the verdict of his brethren was, "He was a good Grand Master." Companion Potter, after becoming a Mason, was soon in the ranks of those who sought "more light," and we find his petition for Marking and Membership in Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, May, 1852. He was approved and received the Degree of Mark Master Mason, June 8th, 1852. The records show that January, 1855, his petition was presented to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, for the Degrees of M. E. Master and Royal Arch, and he was accepted and exalted to the Supreme Degree, February 26th, 1855. His promotion in that Chapter was rapid as his usefulness was great, and December 27th, 1860, we find him installed as High Priest of that old, influential and exacting Chapter.

In the Grand Chapter he served as Master of First Vail, 1861, 1862 and 1863, of the Third Vail 1864 and 1865, was Captain of the Host 1866 and 1867, was appointed on Committee of Appeals 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1873. He was elected Grand King of this Grand Chapter, 1876, upon the death of our much lamented Robert H. Pattison, D.D., who had served part of the term.

He was elected M. E. G. High Priest and served this Grand Chapter as such 1877 and 1878, during these years his physical condition was utterly wretched, he having had attack after attack of his constitutional ailments, and to the writer's knowledge, during that period he had eleven different painful attacks more or less serious. Yet with Masonic heroism, he attended the communications of this Grand Chapter and presided with ability, courtesy and fairness, giving evidence of will power to conquer pain most marvellous. There were no questions of very great importance before this Grand Chapter during his administration, but like the R. W. Grand Lodge, the membership of this Grand Chapter felt perfectly safe in his hands, and the conclusion attested with what marked ability he managed the Craft.

He was re-appointed on the Committee of Appeals in the Grand Chapter after he vacated the Chair, and served upon it

during 1879, 1880, and 1881, until the time of his death, showing a continuous useful, intelligent service in our interests for about twenty years. Companion Potter also took considerable interest in other branches of the Masonic fraternity, Council, Commandery, etc. He was also an ardent Odd Fellow, and rose to the position of presiding over the Grand Lodge of that Order only a short time before death. Our companion closed a long, useful and busy life December 22d, 1881, and was buried at Mount Peace Cemetery, December 26th. Of six children, four survive him.

Resolved, That this M. E. Grand Chapter has heard, with feelings of profound emotion, of the decease of our Past Grand H. P., M. E. Comp. Alfred R. Potter, whom we delighted to honor while living and whom we mourn while dead.

Resolved, That we condole with the family of the deceased in their loss of so kind a husband, indulgent father, and talented and useful member of society.

Resolved, That the Jewels and working tools of this M. E. Grand Chapter be placed in mourning for the space of six months.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplyfying the degree of a Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened, and the degree exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on" for the further despatch of business.

Comp. Samuel L. French offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of nine members of this Grand Chapter be appointed to revise and amend the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, with its several amendments; that said committee be and are hereby directed to submit to this Grand

Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in September next, a printed report of their labors, whereupon the Grand Secretary shall furnish to each Chapter in this jurisdiction a copy of said revised and amended Constitution, with directions to said Chapters to furnish said Committee, on or before the first day of November following, with any alterations or amendments they may have to suggest, and said Committee shall present to this Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in December next, their final report for final action of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint as said Committee, Companions P. G. H. P. Charles E. Meyer, P. H. P. Samuel L. French, William J. Kelly, Louis Wagner, P. G. H. Priests, Samuel C. Perkins, Michael Nesbit, and P. H. Priests Joseph H. Simmonds, Edward Masson and J. Alexander Simpson.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.45 o'clock, P.M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Thursday, June 8th, 1882.

PRESENT:

Comp.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES E. MEYER, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions WOOD, PERKINS, MEYER, and HAMILTON.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Companions FRENCH, SLINGLUFF, CAMPBELL, CLARK, SIMONDS, SEIBERT, GILLIS.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 166, 169, 173, 175, 181, 183, 190, 193, 196, 197, 198, 208, 214, 221, 230, 232, 233, 234, 238, 240, 243, 244, 245, 247, 248, 250, 252, 254, 260.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held March 2d, 1882, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters 226, 232, and 252, and new Code of By-Laws from Chapter 173, were received and referred to Committee on By-Laws.

Petitions were received and permission granted under the usual restrictions, viz.:

Chapter No. 43, to receive a new petition from C. F. M.
" 189 " " " S. J. F.
" 152 " " " H. W.

rejected in Chapter 233. Chapter No. 233 offering no objections.

A protest was read from Chapter No. 244 against the action of Grand Chapter in the C. case; which was ruled out of order by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

An apology was received from———Chapter of New Jersey, for taking candidates from this jurisdiction without permission, and enclosing amount of fees received.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had directed the Grand Secretary to return the fee to the Chapter, the Grand Chapter being satisfied with apology.

A missive was received from Comp. James Southgate, Grand High Priest of North Carolina, appointing Comp. James S. Barber, as representative of said Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On motion Comp. Barber was received and acknowledged as said representative.

A communication was received and read from the General Grand Chapter, announcing the death of Comp. Robert Farmer Bower, General Grand High Priest.

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The death of M. E. Comp. Benjamin Parke, Past Grand High Priest, was announced, in feeling words, by the M. E. Grand High Priest, who requested Comp. Samuel C. Perkins, P. G. H. P., to prepare a suitable memorial of Companion Parke.

A petition for a warrant for a Chapter at Coudersport, Potter County, was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A petition for a warrant for a Chapter at Ardmore, Montgomery County, was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Committee of Revision of the Constitution of Grand Chapter requested that the Elective Grand Officers be added to their Committee, which was, on motion, granted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Brothers and Companions.

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws hereinafter designated, having carefully examined the same, submit the following resolutions for your consideration, to wit:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 173, be approved after amendment as follows: Art. III., Sect. 3,

add "and the D. D. Grand High Priests;" Art. VIII., add proviso, "provided, however, a companion who has resigned shall be entitled to an acknowledgment of his withdrawal without payment of any fee."

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 226 and 232 be approved.

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 252, has also been received and examined. It may be all correct, but your committee do not know it, nor have they the means of learning. The proposed amendment gives them no information as to what it refers to, and there is no copy of the By-Laws of that Chapter on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, as there should be, to which they could refer. They are, therefore, unable to make any recommendation upon the subject.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Alexander Simpson.

Chairman.

Phila., June 8th, 1882, A. I., 2412.

The Grand Secretary reported that returns have been received from all the Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that Subordinate Chapters, when about to confer the lower degrees, are not to call off as the Grand Chapter does when about to exemplify the work.

Grand Chapter was then called off.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened.

The degree of a Most Excellent Master Mason was then exemplified.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed, and Grand Chapter called on for the further despatch of business.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.20 P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, September 7th, 1882.

PRESENT:

Comp.	Hibbert P. John, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	Augustus R. Hall, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Thomas R. Patton, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles E. Meyer, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions George W. Wood, Charles E. Meyer.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Companions William Campbell, John Slingluff, James H. Codding.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 175, 183, 190, 197, 198, 208, 221, 233, 234, 243, 248, 250, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 8th, 1882, were read and approved.

An amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter 252 was received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Petitions were received from the following Chapters, to receive new petitions from rejected applicants.

Chapter No. 232, from V. S., rejected in Chapter No. 3.
" 167, W. D. H., rejected in 1874,

Which were granted under the usual restrictions.

Permission was granted to Chapter No. 243 to remove from Kensington Masonic Hall to the Masonic Temple.

A missive was read from Comp. Samuel G. Stiness, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, appointing Comp. Ellsworth H. Hults as Representative of said Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the missive was received and Comp. Hults acknowledged as such Representative.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, as follows, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS: The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Chapters, Mark Lodges, and membership of this Jurisdiction, for the year ending December 27th, 1881.

CHAPTERS.

The number of members, December 27th, 1880, was	9976
Admitted during 1881, ...	52
Marked, etc., during 1881, ...	493
	10,521

Restored to good Masonic standing, 23.

DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1881,	132	
Died " "	119	
Suspended " "	223	
Expelled " "	3	
		477
Rejected " "	19	
Members, December 27th, 1881,		10,044

MARK LODGES.

The number of Members, December 27th, 1880, was		1,762

DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1881,	5	
Died " "	32	
Suspended " "	6	
Expelled " "	1	44
Members, December 27th, 1881,		1,718
The number of Chapters December 27th, 1881,		104
The number of Mark Lodges, December 27th, 1881,		3

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., SEPT. 7th, 1882.

The following communication was received from Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, and, on motion, permission was granted as requested.

PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST, 1882.

To the M. E. G. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS: Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, has, by resolution, decided to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of said Chapter, and at the stated meeting held January 28th last, the following from the special committee was adopted.

"That the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania be asked to sanction this action of Chapter No. 3, in thus celebrating the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, and also the United States."

At the same meeting it was also agreed that such celebration take place February 1st, 1883, and will consist of Masonic addresses, History of the Chapter, and a review of Royal Arch Masonry in the past, music, etc.

Extract from minutes.

DENNIS F. DEALY,
Secretary.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and resolution adopted;

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS.

Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, and offer the following resolution thereon:

Resolved, That said amendment be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
Chr. Com. on By-Laws.

PHILA., SEPT. 7th, 1882.

The Special Committee on Revision of Grand Chapter Constitution, presented their report in print, and stated that copies would be mailed to each Chapter.

The report was re-committed to the Committee, to receive any suggestions from the various Chapters and members of Grand Chapter.

Further time was granted P. G. H. Priest, Comp. Samuel C. Perkins, to prepare the Memorial of Comp. P. G. H. Priest, Benjamin Parke.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 7.55 o'clock, P.M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 7th, 1882.

PRESENT.

Comp.	Hibbert P. John, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	Augustus R. Hall, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., .	*M E Grand Scribe.*
"	Thomas R. Patton, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles E. Meyer, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions George W. Wood, Michael Nisbet, Charles E. Meyer, Andrew Roberno, George E. Wagner, Wm. C. Hamilton.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Comps. John I. Beggs, John Slingluff, D. H. Seibert, S. L. French, Jos. H. Simonds, W. G. Kramer, C. V. Gillis, E. H. Turner. J. P. Clark, John H. Dusenbury, P. M. Hochheimer, W. J. Carson, W. Cox, M. H. Henderson, Wm. Campbell.

Chapter Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 159, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 173, 175, 176, 181, 183, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 201, 203, 206, 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 217, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 228, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 243, 244, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263.

The Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 7th, 1882, were read and approved.

Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters 3, 175, 195, and 243, and Code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 162, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Petitions were received from the following Chapters to receive new petitions from rejected applicants.

Chapter No. 217 from J. W. T.
" " 215 " C. S. M.

Permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced, in feeling words, the death of Past Grand High Priest George Griscom, and that he had requested Past Grand High Priest Charles E. Meyer to prepare a memorial of him.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Charles E. Meyer, then read a memorial of our deceased Companion, which was received by the Grand Chapter with the utmost attention. The memorial was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings and the Resolution was adopted.

COMPANIONS:

On October 15th, 1882, Companion George Griscom, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, who had wrought more than his allotted hours, passed through the inner vail, and descended into the secret vault.

Comp. Griscom was of Quaker parentage and was born in Salem, New Jersey, on January 1st, 1807. At the age of 20 years he accompanied his uncle, Prof. John Griscom, to New York City, where he taught school in the lower branches while

he was perfecting himself in the higher. He shortly afterwards came to Philadelphia, read law with John Sargeant, and was subsequently admitted to the bar, at which he practiced with considerable success. He was more noted as a counsellor than as a pleader, his main practice being the prosecution or defence of infringements of patents.

He was at one time an Alderman in the South Ward of the old city of Philadelphia, and a member of councils for a number of years. Companion Griscom was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was of a quiet, unostentatious disposition; dignified and courteous, he never failed to command the respect of his fellows.

He was married over 50 years. His son John was killed at Fort Fisher during the late war, and he had also a daughter who died and both were buried in the family vault at Laurel Hill. Comp. Griscom leaves a widow and one son, Bro. George I. Griscom, now a resident of Chicago, Ill.

Comp. Griscom's masonic life began on May 7th, 1840, in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19; he was crafted June 4th, 1840, and raised August 6th, 1840. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1840, Senior Warden 1841, and Worshipful Master in 1843.

He was the author of a most interesting sketch of the history of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, which has advanced the fame of that old lodge in no small degree. He received the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason on July 7th, 1843; was received and accepted a Most Excellent Master in Harmony Chapter, No. 52, on same day, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason in the same chapter on August 4th, 1843. He was elected Scribe thereof in 1845, King in 1846, and Most Excellent High Priest in 1847. He was appointed Grand Master of 1st Vail in 1853, elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter in 1864 and 1865; Grand King 1866 and 1867; and M. E. Grand High Priest 1868 and 1869.

As a Mason Comp. Griscom was known to us as one skilled in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers.

His attachment to the fraternity was strong, and evinced on many occasions. While Grand High Priest, he continued, at great sacrifice to his personal comfort, the visitations inaugurated by his predecessor, Comp. Samuel C. Perkins, to the Chapters outside of the city of Philadelphia. These visitations were the first made by the Grand Chapter officers, and evidenced to the Companions away from the Grand East that the Grand Chapter took an interest in their existence, and that they were thenceforth to receive the personal attention of the M. E. Grand High Priest. This did more for the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania than anything that had been done by the Grand Chapter for years. Comp. Griscom entered into the labors (for they were laborious), with considerable energy. He visited a large number of Chapters accompanied by his Grand Officers exemplified the work, and by sound words of counsel encouraged them to persevere in the work of Royal Arch Masonry.

Several years ago Comp. Griscom retired from active business life, but his interest in Masonry continued to the end.

At Milroy, Pennsylvania, where he had gone for the summer, he was struck with paralysis on October 3d, 1882, his nervous system was shattered, and after a painful illness he died at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes on the evening of October 15th, 1882, and was buried on the Thursday following at Laurel Hill.

Comp. George Griscom for over forty-two years lived an active, earnest Masonic life. He was called home while but temporarily resting from his Masonic labors. The aged Mason has taught the young craftsman that there is more in Freemasonry than its ceremonies, that its beauties and teachings are only to be realized by long and arduous service in the craft.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, holding in fraternal recollections the valuable services rendered in Royal Arch Masonry by M. E. Comp. George Griscom, P. G. H. P., tenders the sympathies of the Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania to his family in their bereavement, and further resolves that the M. E. Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, convey the same to the family of Comp. Griscom.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, from November 28th, 1881, to December 4th, 1882; and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, from November 28th, 1881, to December 4th, 1882, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 28th, 1881, . .	$1,522 87
For dues and fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges,	4,635 75
For warrants, ...	300 00
For interest on Masonic Loan, ...	1,000 00
For interest on deposits of Grand Treasurer, .	47 15
For sale of Certificates, Reprints, Constitutions, etc.	25 00
Total, ...	$7,530 77

PAYMENTS.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	$1,000 00	
do D. D. do do Priests,	339 09	
Salary, Grand Sec. to Sept. 27th, 1882,	750 00	
Salary, Grand Secretary's Clerk to Sept. 27th, 1882, ...	300 00	
Salary, Grand Tyler to Sept. 27th, 1882,	100 00	
Rent from Sept. 30th, 1881, to Sept. 30th, 1882, ...	1,700 00	
Printing, including Proceedings, Constitutions, etc., ...	584 68	

Amount of Payments brought forward,	$4,773 77	
Charity,	50 00	
Minute Book for Finance Committee,	6 00	
Testimonial to Comp. Conrad B. Day,	100 00	
Tuning organ, one year,	40 00	
Draping jewels,	5 00	
Repairing trunk,	2 00	
Map and mounting,	7 50	
Ballot boxes,	7 50	
Postage, Expressage, Telegraphing, etc.	82 84	
Total amount of payments,		$5,074 61
Balance,		$2,456 16

With which to pay balances due on appropriations to December 27th, 1882, as follows:

Rent from Sept. 30th, 1882 to Dec. 30th, 1882,	425 00	
Salary of Grand Secretary to Dec. 27th, 1882,	187 50	
Salary of Clerk to Dec. 27th, 1882,	75 00	
" " Grand Tyler " "	25 00	
Tuning organ to Dec. 30th, 1882,	20 00	
Balance of appropriation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,	200 00	
		932 50
Showing a balance of		$1,523 66
From which deduct amount due to Chapters, as per balance sheet,		40 99
Showing a surplus over all appropriations and expenditures to Dec. 27th, 1882, of		$1,482 67

We have examined the investments held by the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty Thousand Dollars, all of which are Bonds of the Five per cent. Masonic Loan, in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and find them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 4th, 1882,	$2,456 16
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges,	4,200 00
Interest on Investments,	1,000 00
New warrants,	200 00
Total,	$7856 16

EXPENDITURES.

Rent for 1883,	$1,700 00	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	1,500 00	
" D. D. " " Priests,	300 00	
Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00	
" Clerk,	400 00	
" Grand Tyler,	100 00	
Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Constitutions, Postage, Stationery, etc.,	900 00	
Tuning organ for 1883,	40 00	
Balances due on appropriations to Dec. 27th, 1882,	932 50	$6,622 50
Showing an apparent surplus of		$1,233 66

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1883, as follows:

For Expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest,	$1,500 00
" " " D.D. Grand High Priests in visiting Chapters,	300 00
For Rent,	1,700 00
For Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Constitutions, Postage, Expressage, Stationery, etc.,	900 00
For Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00
" " Clerk,	400 00
" " Grand Tyler,	100 00
For Tuning Organ,	40 00

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest, be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Annexed hereto is a balance sheet of the Grand Chapter furnished by the M. E. Grand Secretary, showing the accounts of the Grand Chapter on December 4th, 1882, and the balances on that date after the closing entries are made for the fiscal year 1882.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
JAMES P. MALSEED,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
Finance Committee.

BALANCES DECEMBER 4th, 1882.

Dr.		Cr.	
Chapter No. 3,	$ 1 10	Chapter No. 167,	$ 10
" 197,	02	" " 171,	90
" 239,	75	" " 172,	90
Cash,	2,456 16	" " 177,	05
Expenses G. H. P.	1,000 00	" " 181,	60
" D.D.G.H.P.	339 09	" " 194,	4 40
" Grand Chapter,	2,585 52	" " 195,	3 60
Salaries, etc.,	1,150 00	" " 198,	2 25
Investments,	20,000 00	" " 212,	05
		" " 215,	98
		" " 216,	1 50
		" " 224,	2 25
		" " 225,	3 93
		" " 226,	30
		" " 229,	4 40
		" " 242,	5 70
		" " 244,	1 80
		" " 247,	05
		" " 254,	8 80
		" " 259,	30
		Dues, ...	4,569 73
		Interest, . . .	1,047 15
		Certificates, etc.,.	25 00
		G. Chapter of Pa.	21,547 90
		Warrants, . . .	300 00
	$27,532 64		$27,532 64

BALANCES DECEMBER 4th, 1882.

After the closing entries are made for the Fiscal year, 1882.

Dr.		Cr.	
Due by Chapters,	$ 1 87	Due to Chapters,	$ 42 86
Cash, ...	2,456 16	G. Chapter of Pa.	22,415 17
Investments, . .	20,000 00		
	$22,458 03		$22,458 03

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution adopted.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Brothers and Companions:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the amendments to By-Laws referred to them respectfully report the following resolution for your consideration, to wit:

Resolved that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 175, 195, and 243 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Alexander Simpson,

Chairman Com. on By-Laws.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7th, 1882.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report which was received and adopted.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7th, 1882.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Printing report that the expenditures for the fiscal year have been five hundred and eighty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents, exceeding the appropriation of the Grand Chapter, but extra printing was required in consequence of the action of the Grand Chapter sanctioning the printing of the ancient minutes of the Grand Chapter. New blanks, etc., have also been required, thus increasing the amount of expenditures over several of the preceding years.

Fraternally submitted,

Dennis F. Dealy,

Chairman.

The question being asked of the M. E. Grand High Priest as to the time when an amendment to the By-Laws goes into effect, he decided that it took effect at the time of approval by Grand Chapter.

The Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution was then considered.

Comp. P. G. H. Priest, Robeno moved to postpone further action until the Quarterly Communication in March next. Comp. John Thomson moved to amend by inserting, in place of March, the words "After the election this evening," which was accepted by Comp. Robeno and then agreed to by Grand Chapter.

The time for holding the annual election for Grand Officers having arrived; the M. E. Grand High Priest fraternally declined a re-election, and appointed Tellers to conduct the same, who having collected the ballots and counted the same, agreed in their tally and reported the following Companions duly elected:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL,
" " " *King,* " G. W. KENDRICK, Jr.
" " " *Scribe,* " M. H. HENDERSON.
" " " *Treasurer,* " THOMAS R. PATTON.
" " " *Secretary,* " CHARLES E. MEYER.

The consideration of the New Constitution was then resumed. Comp. P. G. H. P. George W. Wood, moved to postpone action thereon until the Quarterly Communication in March next, which was adopted.

Also that the Grand Secretary have the proposed amendments to the reported New Constitution printed and sent to each Chapter, which was adopted.

Comp. Wm. B. Meredith moved to reconsider the motion to postpone, which was lost.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 11 o'clock P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, St. John's Day, December 27th, 1882.

PRESENT:

Comp.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES E. MEYER, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	J. ALEX. SIMPSON, . .	*Assistant Grand Secretary.*
Rev. "	HENRY S. GETZ, D.D., . .	*Grand Chaplain*
Comp.	MATHIAS H. HENDERSON,.	*Dis. Deputy G. H. Priest.*
"	JOHN SLINGLUFF, . .	"
"	ARTHUR THACHER, . .	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	JOHN KELLER, JR., . .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	JAMES S. BARBER, . .	*Grand R. A. Captain.*
"	CHARLES W. NOLEN, . .	*Grand Master of 3d Vail.*
"	WILLIAM A. SINN, . .	*Grand Master of 2d Vail.*
"	J. W. HASELTINE, . .	*Grand Master of 1st Vail, p.t.*
"	EDWARD MASSON, . .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	FRANK C. HEADMAN, . .	*Grand Pursuivant,*
"	JOHN CURTIS, . .	*S. G. Master of Ceremonies.*
"	EDGAR JONES, . .	*J. G. Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FRANK C. BROOKER, . .	*Grand Tyler.*

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions SAMUEL C. PERKINS and CHARLES E. MEYER.

Grand Representatives.—Companion SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Grand Chapter of Quebec, Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts and New York.

Companion JOHN CURTIS, Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" JOHN L. YOUNG, Grand Chapter of Maine.
" THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Chapters of Canada and Nebraska.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, &c.
" JAMES S. BARBER, Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Representatives of Chapters:—Nos. 3, 52, 92, 169, 173, 175, 183, 190, 208, 233, 234, 235, 240, 243, 244, 245, 248, 250, 251, 257, 258.

The Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6.10 o'clock P. M.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters 195, 251 and 256 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

General Returns for 1882 were received from Chapters Nos. 91, 169, 171, 185, 189, 191, 199, 201, 209, 214, 224, 233, 238, 239, 240, 243, 248, 250, 253, 255, 258, 259, 260.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their Report, which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act. (See Appendix).

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the resolution adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Penna.

Brothers and Companions.

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully considered the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws, referred to them, beg leave to report the following resolutions for your approval.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 162, be amended by striking out of Sect. 5, of Art. VI. the words "hereinbefore," and by inserting in the same section after the word "provided," the words "for in the Constitution of the M. E. Grand Chapter;" by striking out of Sect. 2, of Art. X., the words "by a unanimous vote," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 195, 251, and 256 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Alexander Simpson.

Chrm. Com. on By-Laws.

Philadelphia, December 7th, 1882.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel C. Perkins then read the following Memorial of Past Grand High Priest Benjamin Parke, which was ordered to be printed in the proceedings and the resolutions adopted.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

It is with feelings of mingled sadness and satisfaction that I have acceded to your request to prepare a Memorial Minute in reference to the death of the late M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Benjamin Parke. Sadness, because of the sense of great loss in the removal from our counsels of so eminent and distinguished a mason, especially in connection with Royal Arch Masonry; satisfaction that I should be thought worthy to embody the expressions of regret and mourning which, throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and beyond its limits to those of sister Grand Chapters, have testified to the regard and esteem in which his faithful services and labors in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry have been held.

Companion Parke was born at Charleston, R. I., in 1801, and died May 29th, 1882, at Halifax, Dauphin County, Pa., having passed the limit of fourscore years. He was descended from ancient and honorable New England ancestry, his grandfather having fallen at the head of his company in the battle of Bunker Hill. His father, Thomas Parke, was, with his brother Henry, among the earliest settlers in Dimock township, Susquehanna County, in this state.

The early years of our deceased Companion were passed upon his father's farm in the then sparsely settled regions of one of the northern tier of counties of Pennsylvania. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching school in the neighborhood, and at the age of twenty-three he left his father's home and studied law under the direction of that eminent lawyer and jurist, Judge Conyngham, at Wilkesbarre, where, in 1828, he was admitted to practice as a member of the bar of Luzerne

County. In November of the same year he removed to Harrisburg and was admitted to the bar of Dauphin County. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and at the same time was connected with literary enterprises, editing and conducting newspapers.

In 1834 Governor Wolfe appointed him Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the Middle District, the sessions of which were held at Harrisburg. He held this office till the anti-Masonic party came into power under Governor Ritner. He was the principal compiler of Parke and Johnson's "Digest of the Laws of Pennsylvania," published in 1834; and which, though for practical use now superseded by later publications, is an evidence of the care, accuracy, and ability of our deceased Companion, and is still referred to in matters relating to the construction of the laws as then in force.

With Prof. Charles E. Blumenthal, of Dickinson College, he edited the *Temple*, a monthly Masonic magazine, which had, however but a short existence, two volumes, 1851 to 1853, only having been published. He received the honorary degree of LL.D., from Dickinson College, in 1852. President Pierce, in 1853, appointed and commissioned him as Postmaster at Harrisburg, but in the interests of harmony of the political party with which he was associated, he relinquished the office.

In 1860 he retired to his paternal farm in Parkvale, Susquehanna County, but in 1879 removed to Halifax, Dauphin County, where he died.

Very early, our late distinguished Companion connected himself with the Masonic fraternity, and it certainly could have been from no unworthy motive, but from a deep-seated conviction of its value as an institution for the benefit of humanity. It was in the year 1826, when the tide of anti-Masonic fanaticism, which was destined to rise to so great a heighth saturated with an intensity of bitterness and hate which we at this time can but faintly realize in imagination, was just at the beginning of its flood, that he became a Mason. He was initiated in

Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, in February, 1826, his age, occupation and residence being given as 25,—teacher—Plymouth, Luzerne County. This renders it probable that he continued his employment as a teacher, while studying law with Judge Conyngham. He was crafted and raised in the same Lodge, March and April of the same year. He withdrew in November, 1828, when he removed to Harrisburg.

It would seem from the records of Grand Lodge, that Lodge 21, at Harrisburg, had suspended its labors very shortly before Bro. Parke's arrival there; but upon the revival of that Lodge, June 16th, 1842, he took an active part, and was W. M. in 1842, and again in 1844. That his abilities, zeal, and devotion to the craft were then fully appreciated beyond the limits of his immediate residence, is manifest from the fact that he was in the latter year appointed, by R. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Barger, District Deputy Grand Master for the District, which then included, besides the county of Dauphin, eight neighboring counties in the centre of the State.

Companion Parke was a zealous, active and intelligent Royal Arch Mason. He received the Capitular Degrees in Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, at Harrisburg. His devotion to the craft and his ability and capacity led to his rapid advancement in his Chapter. After serving in several subordinate offices, he was elected Scribe, and in the succeeding years King, and High Priest, which office he filled more than once.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Chapter, December 27th, 1854, Comp. Parke was appointed District Deputy Grand H. P. for the counties of Cumberland, Blair, Franklin, and Dauphin, and in 1855 and 1856 for the counties of Northumberland and Dauphin.

In 1857 he was elected Most Excellent Grand King, re-elected in 1858; and in 1859 he was elected M. E. Grand High Priest. He declined a re-election to this high office in 1860, and at the Annual Communication upon St. John's Day of that

year delivered an address which evidences his scholarly attainments, his strong and unabated attachment to and full appreciation of the fraternity, his careful study of the history and principles of the craft, and his high and noble range of thought. This address called forth unqualified expressions of approval and commendation from our sister Grand Chapters, and remains upon our records for the instruction and profit of succeeding generations of Royal Arch Masons.

As regards Cryptic Masonry, our deceased Companion was a member of Harrisburg Council, No. 7, but the earlier records of that Council having been lost during the late Civil War, no details of his connection with that branch of the fraternity could be obtained.

Comp. Parke received the degrees of Knighthood July 13th, 1855, in St. John's Commandery No. 8, of Carlisle. On December 15th, of the same year, a Dispensation was issued for Parke Commandery No. 7 (afterwards Pilgrim No. 11), at Harrisburg. The Commandery was organized December 28th, 1855, and one of the petitioners for the Dispensation was our deceased Companion who was named as Eminent Commander; and a Charter was duly granted at the next meeting of the Grand Commandery, June 14th, 1856. Prior, however, to the grant of the Charter, Companion Parke united with others in a petition for a Dispensation for a Commandery to be styled Crusade Commandery No. 8 (subsequently No. 12), located at Bloomsburg. The dispensation was granted March 5th, 1856, and a Charter at the next meeting of the Grand Commandery, June 11th, 1856.

At the election of Grand Officers at the same meeting Comp. Parke was elected Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; and February 12th, 1857, at the union of the two Grand Encampments of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania he was appointed Most Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and at the Annual Communication of the united Grand Commanderies was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander. His zeal and services in

connection with this branch of Freemasonry are well known, but this is not the fitting occasion to enlarge upon them.

And now, M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions, having briefly sketched the life and Masonic career of our departed M. E. Past Grand High Priest, I offer for consideration of Grand Chapter, the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania desires to record with affection, respect and regard their appreciation of the labors and services of their deceased Companion, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Benjamin Parke, in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry through many years, with an unfaltering devotion to the principles which underlie an attachment to the established organization of the Fraternity.

2. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter hereby place upon record their acknowledgment of the wise and judicious counsels, the culture and philosophical study, the calm and efficient administration, the firm and unbiased judgment of our lamented Companion M. E. Grand High Priest, Benjamin Parke, in all the various relations which he held in connection with Royal Arch Masonry.

3. *Resolved*, That while the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter mourn his loss, they rejoice in recalling the memory of his pure life, his unselfish devotion to the interests of the craft in all its relations, and his exalted ideal of its influence, aims, and tendencies, which reflected honor upon the places and stations which he was called upon to fill by his brethren and Companions.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter room and the Jewels of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning for the customary period, and that Grand Chapter tender to the family of Comp. Parke the assurance of their sympathy, and that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to his surviving children.

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, Grand High Priest, then presented his Annual Report, which was listened to with marked attention and the evident satisfaction of the Companions.

COMPANIONS:

The "incredible and noiseless foot of Time" has brought us to the close of another Masonic year, and it becomes my province to address you for the last time as the presiding Officer of this Grand Chapter.

The cordial fraternal relations which have been engendered during the past two years between the M. E. G. H. P., the Officers of the Grand Chapter, and the Officers of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, are such as will leave only the most pleasant recollections in my memory, and be to me through time an enduring source of satisfaction. No one, so well as one occupying this station, comprehends the full power of Freemasonry. He has weighty responsibilities, but he also has peculiar facilities for understanding and appreciating the wealth of wisdom and influence wielded by the Royal Craft. I desire to bear testimony in these closing words, to the purity of character, devotion of service, and self-sacrificing labors, of the representatives of Capitular Masonry with whom I have been officially brought in contact. The Craft in the great jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, cannot but continue to prosper while this fidelity to its principles and its interests prevails.

It is fitting that I should communicate to you, at this time, a brief review of my official acts during the year just closing. During the earlier portion of my present official term, domestic affliction prevented me from making as extended a series of Grand Visitations as was at first contemplated, and the subsequent death of her whom I had chosen as the companion of my life clouded a portion of this year with sadness; but during the later months I have been enabled to recover some of the ground lost, and visit a number of the subordinate Chapters.

A warrant having been granted for a Chapter to be held at Troy, Bradford County, accompanied by the entire corps of Grand Officers, I left Philadelphia on the evening of Thursday, May 11th, for the purpose of constituting said Chapter and installing the Officers. We reached Troy about 11 o'clock Friday morning, where we were met by Companions of the Chapter and escorted to the Troy House, where accommodations had been provided for us. Here we were joined by D. D. G. H. P. Comp. Jas. H. Codding and other Companions from Towanda. At two o'clock the Grand Chapter was opened with all the Grand Officers in their respective stations and places, and the Chapter was constituted in due form, and the following Companions installed as its officers:—Comp. Robert C. Kendell, H. P.; Comp. Bernard L. Wright, King; Comp. Delos Rockwell, Scribe; Comp. Frank Grim, Treasurer; Comp. Austin Leonard, Secretary. After delivering an address to the Companions of the New Chapter, relative to the duties and responsibilities, the Grand Chapter was closed and the New Chapter opened, and the balance of our time was devoted to conferring the M., M. E. M., and R. A. degrees. The Companions present gave the closest attention, and all seemed highly gratified with the proceedings. The Grand Officers have every reason to believe that their very arduous labors on this occasion will result in much good to Capitular Masonry in this portion of the jurisdiction. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, in March last, a petition was received from a number of Companions residing in the vicinity of Ardmore, Montgomery County, asking for a warrant for a Chapter to be located at Ardmore, to be called Montgomery Chapter. Upon being satisfied that the Companions had complied with the requirements of the Constitution, the petition was granted. Although there is a large and commodious Hall for Masonic purposes at Ardmore, yet the Companions deemed it most fitting as an act to be remembered, if the Chapter should be constituted in the Grand Chapter Room of this Masonic Temple on the eve of celebrating the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand

Lodge of Pennsylvania. The suggestion having been made to the Grand Officers, it at once met with their approval, and on the afternoon of June 23d, the Grand Officers assembled in Corinthian Hall and having been notified that the Companions were in waiting to receive them, proceeded to Renaissance Hall, assumed their stations and places, opened the Grand Chapter and constituted with impressive ceremonies Montgomery Chapter, No. 262, installing as its Officers, Comp. Wm. Henry Sutton, M. E. H. P.; Comp. J. T. McClellan, King; Comp. J. W. Marshall, Scribe; Comp. George G. Lennig, Treasurer; and Comp. Thomas McCully, Secretary; when the Grand Marshall then proclaimed the new Chapter by the name of Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, regularly constituted and its Officers duly installed. After delivering an address to the Companions, giving them advice in connection with the duties assumed, and admonishing them to guard well the trust confided to their keeping, and long to be remembered as occurring on the eve of celebrating our Masonic Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary, the Grand Chapter closed.

A warrant for a new Chapter of R. A. Masons, to be located at Coudersport, Pa., having been granted by the Grand Chapter at its Quarterly Communication in June last, and not being able to constitute it in person, I issued a dispensation to my worthy D. D. Comp. Jos. H. Simonds, of the Eleventh District, to constitute said Chapter and install the Officers. Accordingly, on the afternoon of Tuesday October 17th, Comp. Simonds, assisted by Companions from Bradford, Emporium and Port Allegheny, constituted the new Chapter, installing Comp. Lewis W. Crawford, M. E. H. P.; Comp. Don Carlos Larrabe, King; Comp. Wm. K. Jones, Scribe; and Comp. David White, Treasurer. At the close of the ceremonies the new Chapter was opened and six petitions received for the degrees and membership, and one for membership. Comp. D. D. G. H. P. Simonds, assisted by the Officers of Bradford Chapter, then exemplified the Capitular Degrees. I have been informed that the attendance was large and that the Companions from the various

Chapters in the vicinity expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the beautiful ceremonies and the able exemplification of the work. And I would here take occasion to thank Comp. Simonds and his assistants for the able manner in which they discharged their duties, and the Companions of Coudersport, for the very hearty welcome accorded my representative on this occasion. This Chapter has every convenience for conferring the Capitular degrees and starts with bright prospects for the future.

By previous agreement, on July 24th, in company with the elective and appointed Grand Officers, I left Philadelphia for the purpose of making a visitation to Montgomery Chapter, No. 262. Arriving at Ardmore we were kindly received by the Officers and Companions of this new Chapter, and escorted to their commodious Hall, which is well adapted for its purposes. After a pleasant interchange of views and a careful examination of the paraphernalia, the Chapter was opened, and after conducting the regular order of business, assisted by the Grand Officers, I conferred the degree of M. M. M. upon ten candidates. I have since visited this Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the R. A. degree, and installed the Officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Although it is but six months since this Chapter was constituted, I am pleased to announce that the work of the Officers will compare with any Chapter in the jurisdiction.

On November 12th, at 11.20 P. M., accompanied by Comp. Augustus R. Hall, Grand King; Comp. P. G. H. P. Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Secretary; and Companions Thacher, Keller, Barber, Nolen, Masson, Young and Brooker, I left Philadelphia, via. Pennsylvania R. R., for the purpose of making visitations in the Western portion of the State. Arriving at Tyrone we were joined by D. D. G. H. P. Comp. Edward H. Turner, of Altoona. Reaching Clearfield we were met by M. E. H. P. Comp. Wm. H. Dill, and the Officers of Clearfield Chapter, No. 228. A special meeting having been called in the afternoon, I proceeded to confer the degree of M. M. M.,

upon four candidates who were in waiting. In the evening I paid a Grand Visitation to the Chapter. After delivering an address to the Companions, setting forth the object of our visit, together with giving them advice and counsel, the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were conferred by the Grand Officers. Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was not so large as had been anticipated; yet the closest attention was paid to the instructions given, and with the addition of the four new members on this occasion I feel sure our visit will awaken a new interest in Capitular Masonry in this section. Clearfield Chapter was constituted in September, 1870, by Comp. P. G. H. Priest Michael Nisbet and had not been favored with a Grand Visitation from that time.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14th, the Grand Officers left Clearfield for Johnstown, Cambria Co. At the station we were met by M. E. H. P. Comp. Frank H. McMillin, Comp. P. H. P. John H. Dibert, and a number of other Companions who gave us a most cordial welcome. In the afternoon the Companions procured carriages and drove us to every point of interest, including the celebrated Cambria Iron Co.'s Works. In the evening we paid a Grand Visitation to Portage R. A. Chapter, No. 195, this being the first official visit by Grand Officers since the Chapter was constituted by D. D. G. H. P. Alex. M. Lloyd, in February, 1860. After delivering an address to the Companions, touching upon the intimate connection between the Grand and Subordinate bodies, and giving them friendly advice upon their duties as R. A. Masons, we exemplified the degrees of M. M. M. and M. E. M. and conferred the order of High Priesthood upon H. P. Comp. McMillan. We had with us on this occasion Companions D. D. G. H. Priest Edmund H. Turner, of Altoona, and Philipp M. Hochheimer, of Uniontown, and a number of Companions from sister Chapters.

On Wednesday morning, November 15th, we left for Lewistown. We found upon our arrival, in waiting to receive us, the M. E. H. Priest of Chapter No. 186, D. D. G. H. P. Comp. John P. Clark, of Newport, Grand Chaplain Rev. Comp. Wm.

H. Platt, and a delegation of Companions, who escorted us to the hotel, where an elegant repast awaited us. A meeting of Lewistown Chapter was called at 5 o'clock, when the Grand Officers paid a Grand Visitation. After delivering an address to the Companions the M. M. M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees were exemplified for purposes of instruction. There were a number of visitors present, including the officers of Newport Chapter. All seemed well pleased and the Grand Officers felt amply repaid for the time spent with the Companions of Lewistown. This Chapter was constituted on June 23d, 1851, by P. G. H. P. Companion Harman Baugh. The Grand Officers reached Philadelphia on Thursday morning, March 16th, much fatigued, but feeling assured that these visitations have been of great benefit to the Craft. In addition to the foregoing I have also visited the several Mark Lodges and Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 169, 175, 183, 232, 233, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, in some of which I installed the Officers for the ensuing Masonic year. These Chapters are all in a flourishing condition.

The system of Grand Visitations that for some years past has prevailed in this jurisdiction, is one out of which have grown most valuable results to Capitular Masonry. The Grand Officers are no longer a myth, or seen but infrequently, and then only at the Quarterly and Annual Communications at the great Masonic centre; but they now penetrate to all parts of the jurisdiction, officially visiting the remoter Chapters, authoritatively performing in their presence and for their instruction the work of the several Capitular degrees, giving needed advice to the officers of the subordinate Chapters, and creating and maintaining those intimate personal relations with a large body of the active Chapter membership, that has resulted, and must continue to result in the development and maintenance of the best Masonic spirit throughout the craft, and the introduction of that uniformity in the work which shall make the labor of all the subordinate bodies in the jurisdiction entirely homogeneous.

In this connection I desire to recommend for consideration and adoption by this Grand Body, a measure that will, I venture to think, materially further this end. I refer to the authorization of official visits of D. D. G. H. Priests to the M. E. G. H. Priest at Philadelphia, one or more times each year, and the defraying of their expenses on such visits, for the purpose of facilitating the communication to them of the official work of Grand Chapter, and the giving them such other needed instruction as would enable them to perform all of their official duties most wisely and well.

These visits might be so timed as to enable the D. D. G. H. Priests to attend one or more of the Communications of the Grand Chapter. Right sure are we that the cost to the Grand Chapter of such visits would be well expended and the beneficial outcome would be promptly recognized and approved.

JANUARY 7th, 1882.—Refused dispensation to Delta Chapter, No. 170, to hold special election of officers. They have failed to hold a meeting and election as prescribed by law, on account of a Masonic ball being held that night.

JANUARY 9th, 1882.—Decision that a Chapter cannot remit the dues of a suspended member. He must pay his arrearages before he can be placed on good Masonic standing.

FEBRUARY 3d, 1881.—Dispensation granted for a special election for Secretary, in Chapter No. 159.

FEBRUARY 20th, 1882.—Appointed Comp. Charles Roome, of New York city, Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near Grand Chapter of New York, in place of Comp. John W. Simons who asked to be relieved.

APRIL 6th, 1882.—Appointed Donald McPhie Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near Grand Chapter of Canada.

March 1st, 1882.—Dispensation granted to Chapter 256 for special election of Secretary, the former Secretary having moved away.

April 10th, 1882.—Appointed Comp. Donald W. Bain Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

June 13th, 1882.—Appointed Comp. Samuel G. Stiness Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

October 23d, 1882.—Permission granted Kensington Chapter to change place of meeting until said change was approved by Grand Chapter.

November 8th, 1882.—Refused dispensation to Chapter 196 to meet on a night other than their regular meeting night, such regular meeting coming on Christmas night.

All By-Laws go into effect as soon as approved by Grand Chapter.

It gives me pleasure to say, that during the present year earnest attention has been given by Pennsylvania Freemasons to the important subject of founding in this jurisdiction a Masonic Home for aged and indigent Freemasons. Although our charity is liberally dispensed through the various and usual mediums of the fraternity, it seems especially appropriate that when age and poverty overtake those who have stood with us at our altars, some substantial and permanent provision should be made for their latter days. There is no method by which this can be so lovingly done as within the four walls of a Masonic Home. The Mark Lodges are now actively moving in this matter; they are asking and doubtless will receive the co-operation of others of the Masonic bodies; I respectfully, but earnestly, recommend to this Grand Chapter that it consider the subject, and at an

early day make a generous appropriation in aid of what promises to be a new and praiseworthy Pennsylvania Masonic charity.

I am too forcibly reminded, *not* to mention that since my induction to office the grim messenger of death has entered the sacred precincts of this Grand Chapter and summoned to their final rest three of our most distinguished past officers and honored and respected members. I allude to Past Grand High Priest, Alfred R. Potter, Past Grand High Priest, Benjamin Parke, and Past Grand High Priest George Griscom. These were all ardent and zealous workers in Masonry and their interest and love for the craft has won for them the gratitude of all. May time never efface from our recollections the associations that united us with them. Let us honor their memories and emulate their virtues. A memorial sketch of the life of each has been prepared and will be printed in the Grand Chapter proceedings.

And now as the official relations between myself and the present Grand officers and members of the Grand Chapter are about to be severed, and I am to return to you the trust fraternally committed to me two years since, receive the assurance of my hearty acknowledgments, for the efficient aid and assistance I have received from the elective and appointed officers officially associated with me in my labors, and for the kind and courteous forbearance with which the members of this Grand Chapter have invariably treated me.

The official links that have united us may and will be severed, but there is an invisible chain that binds heart to heart, which will endure while time and we endure together. Yea, years may elapse, and even time itself be no more, but I am persuaded that this heart Masonry will survive even "the last syllable of recorded time," and in the great hereafter, which Masonry distinctly recognizes, be a source of joy and gratification to those who, having fulfilled their obligations here below, shall receive their great reward from the Grand Architect of the Universe Himself.

And now to you, my worthy successor, I invoke the same unity of feeling and universal harmony that have existed, and the same encouragement of duty from one and all, and may you realize, as I have, the self-satisfaction and inward-benediction in working with and for those around you. As your presiding Officer, then, adieu; but I trust to remain none the less a worker in the same field with you and faithful ever to the cause of Capitular Masonry.

So much of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication, held December 7th, 1882, as referred to the election of officers having been read.

All but Past High Priest, upon whom the order of High Priesthood had been conferred, having retired.

Comp. Augustus R. Hall was installed M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the Masonic year commencing this day, was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, after which the following officers were duly installed into the offices to which they had been elected, to wit:

Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr.,	*M. E. Grand King.*
" Mathias H. Henderson, .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" Thomas R. Patton, . . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" Charles E. Meyer, . . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

All of whom were duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then read the following address, which was listened to with satisfaction.

COMPANIONS:

To-day begins another period in the history of this Grand Chapter.

As we stand upon its threshold it is proper and becoming that we should be devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings that have been shed upon us, and that we are once more permitted to assemble together for communion, counsel and advice.

Let us, therefore, on this day, held sacred in Masonry, renew our pledges and resolve to exercise the strictest care and circumspection over our conduct, to keep spotless the Masonic character so that the Royal Art be not profaned nor disgraced.

Deeply grateful to you, my Companions, for the generosity and confidence that has prompted you to confer upon me the high and honorable position of M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, I enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office with a full appreciation of its cares and responsibilities and with a determination that means to do right, trusting that what may be done will be for the good of the Craft, and knowing that in aught I may fail we shall have the unselfih and generous support of the Companions.

The prosperous condition of the Grand Chapter and its subordinates is a source of much gratification.

By the able Report of the Committee on Finance we learn that the Grand Chapter now has a large invested fund, and that its income is amply sufficient to pay its current expenses and leave a surplus in the hands of the M. E. Grand Treasurer.

The increase of attendance at the Communications of the Grand Chapter indicates a new interest in Capitular Masonry which must result to the benefit of the Craft.

The Subordinate Chapters are, with but very few exceptions, healthy and prosperous.

No impropriety of speech or conduct has occurred to prove detrimental to our peace or harmony.

And whilst we mourn the loss of those who have been called upon to render an account of their Stewardship, let us not forget that they have "gone to the silent land but a little sooner than we." Let their faults be forgotten and their virtues only remembered.

Let us hope that

"They are gathered to the glorious band,
Of those who lived to benefit their race."

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter makes it incumbent on the M. E. Grand High Priest "to visit annually every Chapter, Most Excellent and Mark Masters Lodge within the City of Philadelphia, and all other Lodges and Chapters under his jurisdiction if practicable."

This I regard as one of the most important duties that the M. E. Grand High Priest has to discharge.

At the visitations that have been made by my predecessors during the past six years I have had an opportunity to observe their very beneficial effects. In promoting harmony, removing discord, exciting an interest and encouraging a laudable spirit of emulation as to who can best work and best agree, as well as to impart instruction in the work and strengthen the ties of brotherly love between this Grand Chapter and its Subordinates.

I shall, therefore, so far as practicable, fulfill this requirement of the Constitution.

In order to make these visitations successful and satisfactory (more particularly as to Chapters meeting at a distance from the Grand Chapter, thereby preventing them from acquiring a thorough knowledge of the work) it is necessary that the M. E. Grand High Priest should be accompanied by a full corps of Officers well versed in their several duties.

I trust, therefore, that each Officer of the Grand Chapter will give the M. E. Grand High Priest his cordial support and co-operation, and that he will deem no sacrifice too great that he may be called upon to make for the benefit of the Royal Art.

And that all will perfect themselves in their several duties, so that we may be able not only to instruct our Companions and

fulfill our obligations, but be an example unto those that follow us.

It is important also, nay, it is absolutely necessary, in order to make these visitations and instructions successful, that there should be uniformity in the work.

This can only be secured by having one standard, unchangeable authority.

It would be impossible for one Grand High Priest to agree in every particular, with what his predecessor had said or done.

Where, then, shall we look for this authority?

The Constitution says, "The Grand Chapter shall have, and exercise, supreme authority over Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry, within the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

It also provides for the Committee on Work, and says, "To the Committee on Work shall be referred all questions touching the ancient work, customs and usages of Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry, and the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter."

Here, then, is our authority. The Committee on Work.

To this Committee, therefore, must we look for instruction, and I trust that all will adhere strictly to its decisions and give them their cordial support.

"He who would command must first learn to obey."

I shall, at an early day, request the Committee on Work to meet the Grand Officers for consultation, advice and instruction.

In connection with this important question, permit me to say to the D. D. Grand High Priest that it is in their power to render very efficient assistance in this particular, and I trust that they will do their utmost to bring about this desirable result.

To perform this duty effectually and harmoniously it will be necessary that there should be frequent communications and consultations with the Grand Officers, who will always deem it not only a duty, but a great pleasure to impart any information hat may be in their power.

At the visitations of the Grand Officers, I have observed the evil results arising from the failure of many Chapters to receive proper instruction and advice.

Lack of interest, lack of knowledge, lack of harmony, lack of prosperity.

This should not be.

Remember, my Companions, that you represent this Grand Chapter and its earnest wish for the success and prosperity of all its subordinates.

Remember, that on their success depends the existence and perpetuity of Capitular Masonry.

The practice of exemplifying the degrees at the Communications of the Grand Chapter has been productive of such good results that it will be continued.

At the March Communication, therefore, the Mark Degree will be exemplified by the Grand Officers.

Upon that occasion I desire a full attendance particularly of the Officers of the various Chapters and of the D. D. Grand High Priest.

And here let me impress upon the M. E. High Priests of the Chapters the great advantage to be derived from frequent rehearsals of the work by the Officers of the Chapters.

I would also say to those Officers, that it is their duty, as well as it should be their pleasure (if they feel any interest in the prosperity of their Chapter and of Capitular Masonry), to attend those rehearsals when called upon to do so by the M. E. High Priests.

It frequently happens that some are absent.

Every Officer, every Companion, should take an interest in the welfare of the Craft, and nothing promotes that welfare so much as good work.

It will not be amiss, whilst on this subject, to remind the Officers of the Chapters of the good effects of punctuality in their attendance at the meetings of their Chapters, and promptly at the hour stated.

A laggard here is a laggard everywhere.

To begin late is to end late.

It furnishes a pretext for detaining the Companions at unseemly hours, which no High Priest, who has any consideration for his Companions, will do, and which no High Priest has a right to do.

Promptness in the fulfillment of all duties is one of the noblest characteristics of man.

Pardon me for referring to a subject that has been one of much mention, but owing to its vast interest to the Craft, one that cannot be spoken of too often.

It is of the importance of selecting good men to fill the various offices of the Chapters.

My Companions, you cannot exercise too much care and discrimination in this respect, more particularly as to him who is to become your M. E. High Priest.

Look well to the South, is an old and true Masonic adage, and one well worthy of observance.

Remember, that he whom you choose for your Scribe to-day becomes your High Priest two years hence, and will have in trust and represents the standing and reputation of your Chapter and of every Companion member.

And by him shall ye be judged.

He has it in charge to see that the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter and the By-Laws of his own Chapter are duly observed.

I cannot find more fitting words on this subject than those used by the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, in his address at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held in Hartford, May 11th, 1880, wherein he says:

"The High Priest of a Chapter should not only be a man of good morals and fair standing in the community in which he lives, but he should be a zealous Mason, anxious to promote the best interests of the Chapter over which he is called upon to preside, he should be especially careful to preserve our Ritual, and Ceremonies in their purity and integrity. He should keep in mind, that to him is committed the work of the Grand Chapter, and that he is to regard it as his special trust.

"That the Grand Chapter alone is responsible for the work adopted and set forth, and it is not within his province to add to, or take from, or in any particular change this Ritual committed to his charge. He should not only be careful that his own use and rendering of this Ritual are in strict conformity to the standard, but he should exact the same care from his subordinates."

The question of jurisdiction is one of much annoyance and frequently of dissatisfaction.

As the custom now is, a resident of Pennsylvania, member of a Lodge, wishes to join a Chapter in some other jurisdiction.

He makes application to said Chapter,—the Chapter writes to its Grand High Priest,—the Grand High Priest requests the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania for permission to receive said petition.

The M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania grants permission if he feels disposed to do so, if not, not.

It is entirely within his power to do just as he is disposed.

The question, therefore, is subject entirely to his whim and caprice.

A Brother, who has complied with all the Masonic laws and requirements of Pennsylvania, has a right, that should not be disputed, to join a Chapter in any other Jurisdiction.

It is only necessary that the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania shall be satisfied that the Masonic laws and customs of Pennsylvania have been complied with.

I deem this a question of sufficient importance, more particularly as relates to the comity of the different jurisdictions, to be made a Constitutional provision.

The revised Constitution of the Grand Chapter, as presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose, contains many excellent changes that will result to the benefit of the Craft.

Much labor and thought have been given to its consideration. One of the objects of the Committee was to have it harmonize as nearly as possible, with the Ahiman Rezon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and wherein it deviates is only in such

instances as your Committee thought would be an improvement.

I ask for it your favorable consideration.

The advisability of establishing a Charity Fund in this Grand Chapter has been a subject of such frequent mention by my predecessors that I deem it unnecessary to repeat what has been so well said by them.

Suffice it, therefore, for me to refer you to their several addresses upon the subject and to call your attention to the fact that the Grand Chapter has, at various times, made efforts to establish a fund of this kind, but all of those efforts, I am sorry to say, have resulted in failures.

February 21st, 1859, the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolutions, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars of the funds now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be appropriated as the foundation of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund, and that the same be invested by the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer for that purpose.

"*Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Constitution, to devise and report a plan for the establishment, regulation and government of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund."

At the following Communication, held May 16th, 1859, the M. E. Grand High Priest informs the Grand Chapter that in conformity to the instructions of the Grand Chapter, and in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, he had invested one thousand dollars in City six per cent. loan, as the foundation of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund.

This movement seems not to have been a success.

No further appropriations nor additions seem to have been made to this investment, the interest on the investment passed into the general fund instead of being added, as should have been done, to the original investment. At the Communication of the Grand Chapter held February 4th, 1869, ten years afterward, the Finance Committee say, "The Grand Treasurer, Companion Williamson, has in charge the following securities belonging to the Grand Chapter, to wit:

Certificate old City loan, . . .	$1,000.00
U. S. Coupon Bonds, ...	1,500.00
	$2,500.00

Which should be sold and the proceeds invested in the Grand Lodge Masonic Loan."

The following was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be authorized to sell the above described Securities and invest the proceeds in the Masonic Loan of the Grand Lodge."

And thus the Charity Fund becomes merged in the General Fund of the Grand Chapter. The investment cost $995.00, and realized $962.40.

At the Communication of the Grand Chapter, held December 27th, 1870, Companion Michael Nisbet, M. E. Grand High Priest at that time, in his address again reverts to the subject and suggests "the establishment of such a fund, and that provision be made for the election of three Trustees of said fund, who shall have the custody of all investments made on account of it, and collect the interest thereon, and that all the investments of the Grand Chapter," amounting at that time to thirteen thousand three hundred dollars, as well as any investments, surplus moneys, or the interest or income derived from such investments, also such sums as can, from time to time, be spared from the revenue of the Grand Chapter, be transferred to said Trustees, to be by them invested on account of said Grand Chapter Charity Fund, until its principal amounts to twenty-five thousand dollars, when its income shall be used for the relief of our indigent Companions, their widows and orphans.

No action was taken at that time upon these excellent and benevolent suggestions, for M. E. Grand High Priest Nisbet, in his valedictory, December 27th, 1871, calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to what he had formerly said and, again urges the establishment of such a fund.

At the same Communication, December 27th, 1871, M. E. Grand High Priest Companion Charles E. Meyer, in eloquent

and well-fitting terms again brings the subject before the Grand Chapter and suggests that the sum of ten thousand dollars of the investments of the Grand Chapter be placed in the hands of Trustees, to be held as a special trust, that the interest arising therefrom be reinvested, from time to time, until the total reaches twenty-five thousand dollars, after which, etc.

On motion of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion Michael Nisbet, a Committee of five was appointed to take into consideration the subject of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund, referred to in the address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Meyer.

The following Companions composed the Committee, viz: Companions Michael Nisbet, Horace Fritz, John L. Young, Wm. J. Kelly and Edward Matthews.

At the Communication held February 1st, 1872, the special Committee on Charity Fund made a report, action on which was postponed until the next Quarterly Grand Communication.

At the Communication held May 2d, 1872, the report of the Committee was adopted, setting forth how the fund should be established, conducted and its income distributed.

The report and suggestions were excellent and unexceptional

But I am unable to learn of any moneys that have been granted or appropriated to said fund since that time.

The only results of the suggestions that have been made from time to time is the creation of a Committee on Charity.

Said Committee has had no fund placed in its hands; it has nothing to do, and in the language of its late chairman, it is more ornamental than useful.

I cannot too strongly urge upon you the advisability of establishing a fund of this kind.

The great benefit to be derived from it must be apparent to every one.

If the income alone derived from the original investment of one thousand dollars invested in 1859 had been added to the principal, as it should have been, and as it was intended to have been, the Grand Chapter to-day would have had a considerable

sum from that source alone, and no doubt there would have been frequent additions made thereto from surplus moneys of the Grand Chapter and from other sources, so that we can safely say that the fund would have to-day amounted to at least ten thousand dollars.

I would suggest to the Committee on Charity to take this important matter into consideration and report at the next Quarterly Communication, or as soon thereafter as convenient, such action as it may deem advisable for this Grand Chapter.

"Companions, at once begin; to begin is half the battle."

Finally, my Companions, the good ship is once more ready to start upon her voyage, manned by a new crew, freighted with new hope and new aspirations.

Shall it be a voyage of success or one of failure? Shall we look back upon its results with pride and satisfaction, or with regrets arising from our failure to perform our duties?

Much depends on us all, but more depends on us, my Companion Officers. I crave your co-operation and assistance Let us work together as laborers in a common vineyard, sinking all selfish feelings, and with a sincere desire to promote the best interest of Capitular Masonry.

Let us press forward in the right, mindful of the results of the past; mindful of the duties of the present; mindful of success in the future.

"Let us cease to vaunt ourselves of what we do, and of what has been done for us. Let us learn to walk humbly, and to think meekly of ourselves. To cultivate habits of self-sacrifice and of devotion to duty. Never aim at aught which is not right, persuaded that without this, every possession and all knowledge will become an evil and a shame."

The M. E Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Grand Captain of the Host:

Comp. HENRY R. COULOMB.

Grand Principal Sojourner:

Comp. JOHN KELLER, JR.

Grand Royal Arch Captain:

Comp. JAS. S. BARBER.

Grand Chaplains:

Comp. Rev. JAS. W. ROBBINS, D.D.,
" " THOS. J. DAVIS, D.D.,
" " WM. B. WOOD, D.D.,
" " A. V. C. SCHENCK, D.D.,
" " THOS. M. JACKSON, D.D.,
" " JOHN F. CROUCH, D.D.,
" " WM. H. PLATT, D.D.,
" " WM. P. HOWELL, D.D.,
" " ALEX. M. WIGGINS, D.D.,
" " HENRY S. GETZ, D.D.,

Grand Master of Third Veil:

CHAS. W. NOLEN.

Grand Master of Second Veil:

ARTHUR H. WOODWARD.

Grand Master of First Veil:

FREDERICK K. WOMRATH.

Grand Marshall:

EDWARD MASSON.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies:

MICHAEL W. REINOEHL.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies:

ELIAS W. HALE, M.D.

Grand Pursuivant:

EDGAR FRIES.

Grand Tyler:

WM. A. SINN.

Committee on Work:

Comp. GEO. W. WOOD, P. G. H. P.
" DANIEL THOMPSON, P. G. H. P.
" MICHAEL NISBET, P. G. H. P.
" CHAS. E. MEYER, P. G. H. P.
" JOHN THOMSON.

Committee on Finance:

Comp. WM. J. KELLY,
" M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
" CHAS. W. PACKER,
" JAS. P. MALSEED,
" SAM'L W. WRAY.

Committee on Correspondence:

Comp. ANDREW ZANE, JR.,
" SAM'L HARPER,
" GEO. E. WAGNER, P. G. H. P.
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,
" ALEX. H. MORGAN.

Committee on By-Laws:

Comp. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
" WM. A. MORTON,
" SAM'L McCAMBRIDGE,
" JOHN W. LEE,
" JOHN L. YOUNG.

Committee on Appeals:

Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, P. G. H. P.
" ANDREW ROBENO, P. G. H. P.
" WM. C. HAMILTON, P. G. H. P.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.
" LOUIS WAGNER.

Committee on Charity:

Comp. EDWARD STRICKLAND,
" B. FRANK ABBETT,
" PETER E. WEISER,
" DAVID S. CRAVEN,
" CHAS. E. PIKE.

Committee on Printing and Publishing:

Comp. DENNIS F. DEALY,
" ALEX. M. LLOYD,
" CHAS. CARY,
" ARTHUR THACHER,
" CHAS. H. KINGSTON.

The several Chapters will be under the immediate supervision of the following Companions:

M. E. Grand High Priest for Chapters Nos. 3, 91, 169, 175, 183, 229, 231, 232, 233, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, and Mark Lodges Nos. 214 and 216.

M. E. Grand King for Chapters Nos. 52, 202, 208, 226, 234, 256, 258, 262, and Mark Lodge No. 91.

M. E. Grand Scribe for Chapters Nos. 167, 170, 191, 206, 212, and 244.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:

1.—Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, of Lancaster, for Chapters Nos. 43, 199, 223, and 224.

2.—Companion JOHN J. BEGGS, of Harrisburg, for Chapters Nos. 21, 171, 176, 209, 238.

3.—Companion JOHN SLINGLUFF, of Norristown, for Chapters Nos. 190, 198, 220, 245.

4.—Companion JESSE ORR, of Reading, for Chapters Nos. 152, 197, and 237.

5.—Companion DAVID H. SEIBERT, Pottsville, for Chapters Nos. 159, 177, 196, 219, 221, and 252.

6.—Companion JOHN A. WEAVER, of Easton, for Chapters Nos. 173, 181, 203, and 216.

7.—Companion SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for Chapters 179, 182, 185, 214, and 242.

8.—Companion JAMES H. CODDING, of Towanda, for Chapters Nos. 161, 172, 180, 205, 210 and 261.

9.—Comp. JOS. H. SIMMONDS, of Bradford, for Chapters Nos. 194, 227 254, 260 and 263.

10.—Companion WM. G. KRAMER, of Danville; for Chapters Nos. 178, 218, and 239.

11.—Companion J. WALKER HAYS, of Williamsport, for Chapters Nos. 163, 222, 230, 241, 246.

12.—Companion EDWARD H. TURNER, of Altoona, for Chapters Nos. 166, 189, 195, 201, 228, and 255.

13.—Companion WM. WILLIS, of Lewistown, for Chapters Nos. 186 and 174.

14.—Companion PHILLIP M. HOCHHEIMER, of Uniontown, for Chapters Nos. 150, 164, 165, 249.

15.—Companion WM. J. CARSON, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 192, 193, 217, 247, and 257.

16.—Companion ANDREW W. COX, of Oil City, for Chapters Nos. 207, 211, 225, 235, 236, and 259.

17.—Companion JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for Chapters Nos. 187, 200, 213, 215, and 253.

The M. E. Grand Secretary, with the approval of Grand Chapter, appointed Comp. J. Alex. Simpson Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at half past eight o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES. E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence offer their Annual Report. They have reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions, viz:

Arkansas.
California.
Canada.
Connecticut.
Colorado.
Delaware.
District of Columbia.
England and Wales.
Illinois.
Indiana.
Iowa.
Kansas.
Kentucky.
Maine.
Maryland.
Massachusetts.
Michigan.
Minnesota.
Mississippi.
Nebraska.
New Hampshire.
New Jersey.
New York.
North Carolina.
Nova Scotia.
Ohio.
Quebec.
Tennessee.
Texas.
Virginia.
Wisconsin.

Your Committee have reviewed the proceedings of all that it has been its privilege to receive. They have not been so profuse in their selections as in the previous year, from the fact that it has been its constant aim to keep this Report within very narrow limits. They have not entered at all into the discussions agitating Masonic minds, because all the questions discussed have been worn almost threadbare by the frequent handling, and to say over and over again what has been said in the past would only tend to swell the pages of this Report without accomplishing any good. The old questions and the only ones are as your Committee reported last year, viz:

Suspended Masons.

Expelled Masons.

Cryptic and Capitular Degrees.

General Grand Chapter.

On all of these questions the Committee find the Companions holding to their old views, and maintaining, with the same line of arguments, their respective positions. There have been no conversions either way.

If there have been any new ideas brought out, your Committee has tried to find them and place them before you for consideration.

Masonry throughout may be said to be holding its own; in fact, judging from the reports, is on the advance. In one, on two jurisdictions, it seems to be in a lethargic condition, but efforts are there being made to give it new life and energy. In reading over the Reports we have but one regret, and that is, that it is hardly possible, under the circumstances, to give them more general circulation. No one can read them without a profound reverence for the Grand Old Institution.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State assembled at Masonic Temple, Little Rock, in its thirty-second Annual Convocation, upon the 19th day of November, 1881, and was opened in ample form by the Deputy G. H. P. The Most Excellent G. H. P. not being present until the evening session, at which time his Annual Address was delivered. His absence is accounted for in the following :

" It is not my habit to postpone a duty, but about the time I had fixed upon for the preparation of this paper, there was quite a commotion at our house, caused by the arrival of one who, it was said, bore a close relationship to me, though I had never seen the stranger before. I supposed that when the introduction was concluded, and the excitement consequent thereon was over, I would have a quiet week in which to prepare for this Convocation, but, alas, how short the memory of a married man. I had forgotten in five short years the engaging incidents of early infancy. Between the visits of congratulating friends and the frequent administration of well-known family medicines in the day time, and a remarkably regular habit, on the part of my visitor, of taking lengthy nocturnal walks, in which the father's company was uniformly required and his musical powers extensively exercised, my time was fully if not pleasantly occupied, until the time of my departure for Little Rock."

The Grand Chapter was well attended. No business of general importance was transacted, excepting the action of the Grand Chapter on the Report of a Special Committee in relation to the Cryptic Degrees, in appending the same to the Chapters. The resolution passed was as follows :

" Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be informed that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas has been reorganized by the election and

appointment of a full corps of Grand Officers, and has resumed control of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in this State.

That the Grand Chapter is respectfully requested to relinquish all authority over and jurisdiction of said degrees and the Councils thereof.

That the Grand Master of this Grand Council be instructed to present this resolution to the Grand Chapter.

The financial condition may be said to be weak.

Comp. C. H. Stone was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. J. A. Henry, Grand Secretary.

Companions C. M. Barnes, Lancelot Minor, and J. M. Pinnell, were appointed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

No report on correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

The 28th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, April 11th, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers were present with thirteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and the Representatives of forty-six Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, Henry Sayre Orme, delivered his Annual Address and in speaking of the condition of Capitular Masonry, says:

"I am pleased to say, is more vigorous and healthy than at any time since the organization of this Grand Chapter. No symptoms of syncope or deep coma exist. It our extensive jurisdiction, numbering fifty-seven Chapters, with an aggregate

membership of over three thousand, all, with a very few exceptions, are steadily increasing in numbers and improving in the character of 'the work.' Although I can report to you that 'the work' in our subordinate Chapters is well done, and compares favorably with that of the older States, it is not enough; we must all earnestly strive to place California in the front rank Masonically, as she is in wealth and intelligence."

The following portion of the Address might be well considered:

"Throughout the length and breadth of our land, I fear that both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry are threatened by grave dangers. They are too popular. The modern spirit of 'Progress' is knocking at our doors, demanding admission to our Ancient Order. In many different shapes it presents itself; and one of the many to which I would call your attention, is that which is trying to make our Order an insurance society. It is from this source we have most to fear. Many, fearful that our beloved institution will be crowded back—injured as it were—by the multitude of benevolent organizations springing up around us, propose that we introduce 'something new;' what, they do not exactly know, but something on the co-operative insurance plan. To such I would say that Masonry needs no extraneous aid. It has stood the test of ages, and will stand; and we as Masons must stand by it and with it, true to its high and holy teachings and principles, and exemplify in our lives its pure and ennobling influences. No, my Companions, we have nothing to fear,—but we must be true and steadfast, remembering the old but true motto:

'*Quam fluctus diversi, quam mare conjuncti.*'

"Instead of seeking to make Masonry more popular, we ought to guard more jealously than ever the portals of our Temple; being careful in the selection of those whom we invest with its secrets, and in the character and fitness of the officers chosen to preside over its destinies.

All benevolent societies are doing a noble work, and are well worthy the support of good men. But we must remember that during the past five years, as shown by statistics, over two hundred of these organizations have failed in the United States. Let us, then, as a part of the Masonic Brotherhood,

be careful. For those who choose to become members of other societies, we have only the best of wishes. Masonry has a different work to perform. Our duty is to adhere to the ancient usages and traditions of the Craft, to comfort the distressed, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and protect the destitute widow and orphan. In fine, to perform the duties assumed by us before we were permitted to engage in the grand work of bringing to light the mysteries hidden beneath the 'Mystic Vault.'"

Decisions of the Grand High Priest upon the following facts were rendered:

"1st. A brother petitions the Chapter for the degrees. His petition is received and referred to a committee of three. At the next stated meeting but two members of the committee report; the other member being absent. Can the High Priest order a ballot on such a report?

"I answered: Yes.

"2d. But two members of the committee report (the other being absent) can the High Priest, with the consent of the Chapter, appoint a new member of the committee who shall report instanter?

"I replied that the appointing of the new member was irregular. Two members, or rather a majority of the committee, had reported, or were ready with a report. But, if for good reasons shown, the Chapter should desire a new member added, or a new committee appointed, the report of the first committee must be rejected and the committee discharged. A new committee may then be appointed, and the same length of time must be given the new committee to investigate and report, as was given to the original one; that is, from one stated meeting to the next."

By dispensation a new Chapter was opened at Greenville, Pulmas County, called Pulmas Chapter.

There was an increase of 185 Royal Arch Masons during the year, the present number in the State being 3117.

The Treasurer's Report shows a healthy condition of the finances, a balance after all expenses being paid.

The M. E. William Mourse Petrée was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their Report. It is from the pen of Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, its Chairman, which reflects great credit upon the Committee. Thirty-eight Jurisdictions are reviewed; Pennsylvania not being among the number, from the fact of its proceedings not having reached the Committee.

CANADA.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Hall, Richmond street, in the City of London, on Friday, July 14th, 1882. All the Grand Officers being present with a number of Grand Superintendents of Districts, Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, Past First Principals, and Visitors. Fifty-three Chapters were represented.

The M. E. the Grand Z., Donald Ross, read an Address. After paying a glowing tribute of respect to the memory of our late lamented President Garfield, he announces the death of M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z. and P. G. M., who passed away suddenly whilst conversing with his family at his home in Prescott. He says of him:

"He was one of the most distinguished members of the fraternity within the Dominion of Canada. The name of Thomas Douglas Harington is a synonym for honor, integrity and truth; of him we are all proud to say that he was a Mason. He occupied gracefully all those high offices it is possible for a man to hold in our Order, with honor to himself and benefit to the society. The record of his life is that which we may all hope to aspire to—a good husband, a sincere friend, and a true Mason. What higher honors could prince or potentate confer on him?"

Of other distinguished Masons who have died during the past year he says:

"In the neighboring city of Hamilton, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins, P. G. Supt. of Hamilton District, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Chauncey Bennett, P. G. Supt. of Wilson District; and Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Supt. of the Central District, have gone to their rest. All who were brought in connection with them testified to their goodness, their charity and their devotion to Masonry. Peace be to their ashes."

Dispensations to establish two Chapters were granted. Macnabb Chapter, at Dresden, Kent County, and Woodstock Chapter, at Woodstock, N. B.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a handsome balance on hand, in cash, as well as $6,000 permanently invested.

The Committee on Correspondence, through Henry Robertson, Chairman, presented their annual report, in which they review the proceedings of 38 Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

CONNECTICUT.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for the year 1882, comes to us with the engraving of Companion John H. Barlow, the present chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We are indeed pleased to see our friend's picture and look him in the face in that form, if we are prevented from seeing him in *propria persona*. From that we judge him to be a tolerably sharp or intelligent Companion. A good face, a keen eye, and a decided lip. We must look out as to what we may say in review, or we may get the worst of it. It pleases us to know that a Chairman of Correspondence is of

sufficient account as to occupy such a prominent place in the book. We would like to return him ours, but modesty forbids.

The eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Masonic Hall, Hartford, on May 9th, 1882. All the Grand Officers being present, with five Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe, thirteen Grand Representatives, and Representatives of 36 of the 38 Subordinate Chapters. The Grand High Priest Charles W. Skiff, delivered his Annual Address, and from that as well as the reports from the Grand Officers, we should judge Capitular Masonry was in a flourishing condition among the Subordinate Chapters, with but few exceptions.

The Grand Treasurer's account shows a small balance on hand with all debts paid. The election of officers resulted in the election of M. E. James H. Welsh, of Danbury, as Grand High Priest. R. E. James McCormick, as Grand Secretary.

The charter of Moosup Chapter, No. 37, was arrested and revoked.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, of Middletown, an old Chapter that has been working under charter or warrant issued by a Washington Chapter of the city of New York, in the year 1795, before the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was in existence, was granted a new charter, bearing the same name and number as its present one, free of charge, and the old charter was allowed to be retained by the chapter among its archives.

Jerusalem Chapter, which has surrendered its charter to the Grand Secretary was directed to collect its jewels and other effects.

The Report on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 37 grand jurisdictions. The proceedings of Pennsylvania did

not reach the committee in time for review. In respect to the question of discipline for non-payment of dues, the committee says:

"Among the disputed points noted, we especially commend to the thoughtful consideration of the companions of Connecticut the subject of discipline for non-payment of dues, which has largely engaged the attention of the Companions of many of the jurisdictions reviewed, a careful study of which has led the writer to the conclusion that the system of striking from the roll, suspension, or deprivation from membership only, as practiced by Connecticut, Massachusetts, and a few other jurisdictions, is only increasing the present army of worthless non-affiliates, which are neither useful or ornamental to the royal craft. This, we think, like any other violation of Masonic law, should be a subject of calm, patient and charitable investigation, and when punishment becomes necessary, let it be such as is recognized for other offenses, as the lodge or chapter shall determine."

COLORADO.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, in Denver, Thursday, September 22d, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers present, with three Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, a number of Grand Representatives and Representatives from all the Chartered Chapters.

Grand High Priest, John S. Titcomb, delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"Once more the fingers of Time, ever moving on the dial of the seasons, advise us of the lapse of another year, warning us that we have arrived at another mile stone on our journey of life, and again calling us together, in the Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. And I give you kindly

greeting and hearty welcome, as we assemble on this beautiful autumnal morning, to take fraternal counsel together upon the present and future welfare and prosperity of our well-loved institution, to encourage one another to give it our services with freedom, fervency and zeal, and to do what we may, with the blessing of the Great I Am, to promote the glory and usefulness of the Royal Craft. While both Nation and State have enjoyed great prosperity, while the plow, the loom, and the anvil have returned abundant fruit, and the labors of the miner have not been unrewarded, so also has Masonry received its share, and peace and harmony and healthy progress has attended it.

I will now call the attention of the Grand Chapter to a case, to which there has actually, so far as I know, been no parallel. On February 25, A. D. 1881, A. I. 2411, I received a letter from Comp. P. J. Coston, M. E. H. P., of Leadville Chapter, No. 10, stating that Comp. De Mattos, Scribe of that Chapter, had already removed his residence permanently from the city, and that Comp. Fox, the King, and himself the H. P., expected to do so within a few weeks from the date of his letter. Further that Comp. De Lay, the only other P. H. P. in the Chapter, was also about to leave permanently. He therefore requested that I should issue a dispensation to some one to open their Chapter, when the members of their Grand Council should have removed thence. To this I answered that he was stating a case that might occur; that I could not take action on any supposed state of affairs, and recommended that when such an emergency did actually arise the Chapter should send me a petition setting forth the facts, when I would take such action in the premises as I could. On March 14th I received such a petition, setting forth in substance that all the members of the Grand Council had left the city to remain, and praying that I should issue a dispensation to some Companion to act as High Priest. In the meantime I consulted such authorities as were within my reach, and R. E. Comp. Woodbury, D. G. H. P. kindly did the same for me at the Grand Lodge Library. And being of opinion that the authority that could constitute a new body in Masonry, might use the same authority to sustain that body in emergent cases, and that too, if I, as Grand High Priest, might appoint any Companion as my deputy to open any certain Chapter at any certain single stated time, I might give him power to do it more than once, and in view of the peculiar situation in which the Leadville Chapter

was placed, I did on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1881, A. I. 2411, issue a commission to Comp. James S. Creamer, as my special deputy to open said Leadville Chapter at its regular or other convocations, during the continued absence of all the members of the Grand Council of that Chapter, and to do and perform such other duties in connection therewith as I might do myself if there present. Said commission to remain in force only until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. I understand, however, that Comp. Costen, H. P. of Leadville Chapter, has returned to that city and assumed his place in the Chapter again. The papers in this case are submitted herewith, and I trust the Grand Chapter will give it a full consideration, being of much interest and importance to the craft at large."

A dispensation was granted to a new Chapter, at Fort Collins, Larimer County, to be called ——— Chapter.

In the closing part of his address he says:

"As no edifice can be sound or certain of lasting duration without suitable foundations, so we who are now laying the foundation of what may become a mighty edifice in Masonry, should see to it that every stone therein and every part thereof be sound, true and of just proportion, every part fixed with exact nicety, that those who come after may know that the work has been good work, true work, square work, just such work as will last through the ages to come. I trust therefore that with all earnestness and especial forethought for the future welfare of the Royal Craft we may discuss and determine on all the points of interest and importance which come before us at this session. And not only now, but in everything our hands find to do during the years of our labor here, that at last we may each hear the words, from the Great Grand High Priest of Heaven, 'Well done good and faithful servant.'"

Comp. Roger W. Woodbury was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. E. B. Newman Grand Secretary.

The report of Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. R. W. Woodbury, in which he reviews 37 Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally mentioned. We cannot but speak in high terms of this report; it is carefully prepared.

We have not done this without carefully looking it over. We do not wish to do this simply for praise or to express our good feeling. We feel with him that some times there is *too much praise*, and that it *is used too promiscuously*.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Chapter met in its Annual Convocation at Wilmington, on the 18th day of January, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers being present.

There were also present four Past Grand High Priests, three Past Grand Kings, nine Representatives of other Grand Chapters, and the representatives of five Subordinate Chapters.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, John W. Lawson, was read, from which we quote:

"COMPANIONS:—During the hours and days of another year the Eye that never slumbers, and the Hand that withholds no good thing from them that do His will, has watched over us and protected us; and, I trust that as we gather around the mercy seat to-day, we may have the presence and counsel of Him who guided the children of the captivity, oftimes over rough and rugged roads; oftimes through dangers seen and unseen, yet were finally permitted to behold, in all its glory, the dwelling place of Jehovah.

"The year past has not been without its warnings. Death has entered our small circle and removed one of our number, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Allen V. Lesley.

"Allen Voorhees Lesley was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 17, 1822, received a classical education, graduating at the University of Pennsylvania in 1840 with highest honors. From

college, after receiving his diploma from the Medical Department, he came to Delaware, residing upon his farm near Delaware City for a short time. From thence he removed to Fultonville, New York, returning again to Delaware about the year 1845.

"Early in life he became a member of the Masonic fraternity, always an enthusiastic and zealous worker, and always exhibiting an earnest desire to promote the interests of the craft, and that others should profit by its teachings and enjoy its privileges.

"Companion Lesley was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, in Washington and Lafayette Chapter, No. 1, October 18th, 1856. At the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, held June 27th, 1863, he was unanimously elected Grand Master. At the Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter, held at Dover in the year 1871, he was elected Grand High Priest.

"By the death of Companion Lesley, the Royal Craft has lost one whose attachment to its principles seemed but to strengthen as the time of his departure drew nigh, and though influences of the most insidious character were brought to bear upon his daily increasing bodily weakness, yet the love of those truths he had so often commended to others, seemed but to shine the brighter and purer. Holier grandeur seemed his appreciation of that 'hieroglyphic light' toward which his steps were rapidly hastening; thus exhibiting in his closing hours his ardent, steadfast attachment to our craft. I recommend that a page in the printed proceedings be appropriately draped, in memoriam, and that a record of his death be properly entered upon the records of this Grand Chapter."

As to the condition of Capitular Masonry, he says:

"You will perceive by the records of the Grand Secretary, that the increase in the number of Companions exalted during the year has been small, the work being done by but two of the Chapters. I hope the time will soon come when every one of our Chapters will be able to report as having examined and passed good and square work for the upbuilding of our sacred temple, yet I cannot but fail to express my condemna-

tion of the means that are too often taken by some of our over zealous Companions who laud their particular Chapter, and point out the weakness of this and that Chapter, to brethren, who, in some cases, have only received the first or second degrees in Masonry. I think this way of increasing the number of Royal Arch Masons, is not at all in good taste, in good order, or decency.

"I regret that in so small a jurisdiction as ours, that the work is not more uniform, and trust that the day will soon come, that every Chapter will work upon the same standard, and having this standard live up to it, and not let a little prejudice ruin what might be made a thing of beauty, symmetrical in all its parts."

At the close of the G. H. Priest's address the Treasurer's Report was presented which shows a small balance.

The election of Grand Officers resulted in the election of Thomas Davidson, Grand High Priest, and Henry B. McIntire, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence, through Companion Wm. G. W. Lewis, presented its report. Our Companion reviews the proceedings of 43 grand jurisdictions, and says in his opening that "the experience of the last year and the exceeding kindness of the brethren of the pen and scissors has made him a little bolder in the expression of his opinions." The review is a good summary of the condition of the craft so far as reviewed. Pennsylvania is given a little over a page of fraternal mention and closes for us by saying, "We are sorry to see that Comp. Meyer has retired from the mutual admiration corps." In which we most heartily join.

Resolutions of condolence were passed in reference to the death of Companion James A. Garfield and James Hervey Joiner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

There were four convocations of this Grand Chapter during the year. The regular Semi-Annual Convocation was held June 8th, 1881, at Masonic Temple. All the Grand Officers present. There were six Past Grand High Priests, three Past Grand Kings and Representatives of eight Subordinate Chapters also present. Business purely of local interest was transacted.

A Special Convocation was called at Masonic Temple, June 26th, 1881, at which most of the Grand Officers were present and a number of Representatives and Past High Priests from the several Chapters. The object of the meeting was to consider the death of that most beloved Past Grand High Priest, Albert G. Mackey, and to attend his funeral. The M. E. Grand High Priest, J. H. Jochum, announced his death in fitting terms, after which the Grand Chapter was formed in procession, and, accompanied by the several Commanderies, Lafayette Lodge and Lafayette Chapter, of the York Rite, and the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Consistery, of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, proceeded to his late residence, thence to All Souls' Church, where the church and Scottish Rite burial services were performed, after which, the procession reformed and moved to Glenwood Cemetery, where the remains were interred with the usual Masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The procession then returned to the Temple, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Another Special Convocation was called on Monday evening, December 5th, 1881, at which most of the Grand Officers and Representatives were present. The object of the Convo-

cation being for the exemplifying the degrees. At this meeting all the degrees were exemplified, after which Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

The Annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Washington, December 14th. 1881. All the Grand Officers present, seven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, two Past Grand Kings, and the Representatives from the eight Subordinate Chapters.

Grand High Priest J. H. Jochum delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"COMPANIONS:—The revolving wheel of time has made another circuit, and, secluded from the din and bustle of the surrounding world and its cares and perplexities, we, as Royal Arch Masons, are again afforded an opportunity to assemble around our Holy Altar and bow ourselves down in humble acknowledgment of the blessings and comforts vouchsafed to us by the Supreme Ruler of our destinies, whose watchful care is so clearly demonstrated to us on this our fifteenth annual convocation.

"One year ago we met as now, flushed with the success of our efforts during the year then just passed; but he who now has the honor of addressing you as your Grand High Priest entered upon the discharge of his duties with grave misgivings as to his ability to retain for the Grand Chapter that standard of perfection secured to it by the very able and distinguished Companions who have preceded him in this exalted station. Without arrogating to himself any of the credit due therefor, but recognizing therein to the fullest extent the guidance of the Supreme Grand High Priest of the universe, he takes great pleasure in announcing that the same harmony, peace and good fellowship that existed one year ago still prevail, and there exists between the several Chapters such a spirit of friendly rivalry and noble emulation as must insure to the benefit of the whole Royal Craft.

"While a contemplation of these facts warrants our heartiest congratulations, it becomes my painful duty to announce that death, the great leveler of all animate beings, has invaded our ranks and chosen for his victims some of the brightest lights from among our membership.

"On the 20th day of June last, the Fraternity was startled by the announcement of the death of our dearly beloved and highly esteemed Companion, Albert G. Mackey, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. It would be useless for me to attempt to describe the feeling of profound sorrow caused by this sad announcement. Familiar as we all were with him, meeting him so often while assembled around our Holy Altar, and relying upon him to an unlimited extent when in doubt upon any principle of Masonic law or usage, it can scarcely be wondered at that we felt as if one of the strongest pillars in our fabric had been suddenly snapped asunder. His fame is not confined within the narrow limits of our jurisdiction, but wherever Masonry exists his name stands out in bold relief as that of a wise and accomplished Mason.

"Having appointed Past Grand High Priests N. D. Larner and M. Trimble, and Past High Priest William R. Singleton, of Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 7, a committee to prepare suitable action for the occasion, and lest I might encroach upon the duty assigned them, I will refrain from any further reference to this sad affliction other than to announce that Companion Mackey was buried with full Masonic honors on the 26th day of June last, at Glenwood Cemetery, all the Masonic orders of which he was a member, accompanied by all the Commanderies of Knights Templar of this city and a number from other jurisdictions participating in the ceremonies, Past Grand High Priest I. L. Johnson acting as pall bearer on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

"The insatiate gleaner of human lives, not content with thus decimating the ranks of our Grand Chapter, on the 19th day of September last chose for his victim our beloved Companion James A. Garfield, a member of Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, and, at the time of his death, the Chief Magistrate of the Nation. He died at Elberon, New Jersey, from the effects of a wound inflicted upon him in this city, July 2, 1881, by a fiend in human form, whose depravity is too base to find a proper designation in our vocabulary, and whose infamous name has cast a blot upon the pages of the history of our Nation. I need not revert to the extent of the sorrow and mourning caused throughout the whole civilized world by this dastardly act, as it is already recorded in the pages of history, never to be effaced by time, and the expressions of sorrow and sympathy for his bereaved family and the Nation

have become familiar household words throughout the globe. I deem it, however, due to ourselves that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter befitting such a disastrous occasion.

"Companion Garfield, then a member of Garrettsville Lodge, 246, Garrettsville, Ohio, petitioned Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, April 4, 1866, and by dispensation his petition was acted upon, he was elected, and received the Mark Master's degree on the same evening. On the 14th of April, 1866, he received the Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees, and April 18th, 1866, he was exalted to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason, Companions J. S. Tomlinson and T. T. Thompson being associated with him during the exaltation. I have had the pleasure of meeting him in the Chapter, and can vouch, from a personal knowledge gained from conversation with him on the subject, that he was enthusiastic in his admiration for and loyalty to the tenets of our Institution. It may not be known to you all, but it is a fact worthy of notice, that while lying on his death bed he gave instruction for the payment of his dues to the several Masonic organizations of which he was a member.

"Since the death of our late Companion Garfield, the Masonic organizations of which he was a member, viz.: Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. M.; Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1; Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and Mithras Lodge of Perfection, A. A. Scottish Rite, moved by a desire to perpetuate the memory of his many virtues and his untimely death, have united in an effort to erect an institution designed to remain in existence for all time to come, to be established as a purely Masonic Institution, and one which will give every Mason an opportunity to contribute to as well as to share in its benefits. This is a subject which appeals to the heart of every Mason who takes the least pride in the fact that we have had in our ranks one who by his exemplary conduct, untiring zeal, wise statesmanship and innumerable other virtues, so endeared himself to the Nation as to win for himself the highest station known to man; and it seems to me it will only require an announcement of the fact that its establishment is contemplated, to insure it a hearty and substantial support. A Board of Directors have been elected from the several bodies designated above, who have chosen the following officers: President, M. M. Parker, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Past Commander of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Vice President, J. H. Jochum, M. E. Grand

High Priest; Recording Secretary, James F. Allen, P. M., Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23; Corresponding Secretary, M. Trimble, W. M. of Rose Croix Chapter, A. and A. S. Rite. A certificate of incorporation, in accordance with the forms of law has been filed, and I feel assured that the enterprise will be pushed forward to a successful completion in the shortest time possible.

While it is true that appeals to Masons throughout the country for pecuniary assistance in the establishment of National Masonic Institutions have not heretofore met with hearty responses, yet it is believed that in this instance, the appeal being made for so noble an object and its establishment being fixed at the Capital of the Nation, where our lamented President received the greater part of his Masonic light and knowledge, and where he established that fame which so endeared him to the people of all nations, creeds and political opinions, will overcome all objections raised against former appeals of this nature, and insure it such a success as will redound to the credit of all who will assist in its consummation.

The plan adopted is set forth in a circular issued by the Board of Directors, which will be circulated throughout the country, soliciting contributions of *one dollar* each from every Mason. This amount, though small in itself and within the means of all, if generally contributed by the Masons of this country, will realize a fund sufficiently large to endow an Industrial Home for the orphans of Masons, securing to them an education whereby they will be enabled to compete with the world in knowledge, and thus render the production of future statesmen from among their number possible. I invoke the aid and co-operation of the Grand High Priests throughout the nation in this great and glorious undertaking, and with their assistance we propose to convince the world at large that our professions of charity are not a mere sentiment, and that we are willing to avail ourselves of this sad opportunity to carry them into a practical effect."

In speaking of the condition of Capitular Masonry, he says:

"I regret to state, however, that the attendance of the members has not been such as to elicit commendation, but in many instances has been a source of serious discouragement to the officers. This lethargy of the Royal Arch Masons of our jurisdiction has frequently been commented upon by my pre-

decessors, and numerous causes have been assigned and remedies suggested, but thus far no improvement has been made apparent. After a diligent study of the subject, and frequent consultations with distinguished Companions, I have concluded to suggest a remedy, which, I am led to believe, will, if properly applied, have a salutary effect and tend to produce a greater interest in the Chapter.

"We all know that in the symbolic degrees a candidate is required to exhibit a proper degree of proficiency in the degrees obtained before he becomes eligible for advancement, and in fact some Lodges require their candidates to pass an examination in open Lodge, the Lodge being called upon to pass judgment upon his proficiency. The result is that at the present time but few members of any of the Lodges are inefficient; and having once acquired a knowledge of the ritual, they find it to their own interest to steadily apply themselves thereto, to prevent their losing the benefit of their early application to its acquirements; hence they are more regular in their attendance at the meetings of their own Lodges, and are also frequently observed visiting other Lodges and assisting in the ceremonies. Much of the strength of Lodges is undoubtedly derived from this feature, which seems to create a closer feeling of intimacy among its members, nearly all of whom are familiar with, and ever ready to discuss the language of the ritual, as well as the beautiful teachings of its impressive symbols. Royal Arch Masons are too frequently heard expressing themselves as more deeply interested in their Lodges than in their Chapters, and when asked for their reasons, they invariably state their inability to assign any particular reason, other than that they feel more at home there than in their Chapters. The novelty of their introduction into the mysteries of Freemasonry through the portals of the Lodge may be one of the causes for this preference, but that alone cannot be accepted as a sufficient one. They all concede that their Masonic instruction in the Lodge was not complete, and our ceremonies and ritual can suffer nothing by a comparison with those of the symbolic degrees, so we must look further for a reason.

It is universally conceded that what is most easily acquired meets, generally, with the least appreciation; and it seems beyond doubt that were we more stringent with our candidates and required of them a closer application to, and a better knowledge of the ritual of the several degrees before they are

permitted to advance, the benefit to them as well as to our Chapters would be made at once apparent. While our officers generally are proficient, there are but few others who are qualified to instruct the neophite in all the duties devolving upon him as a Royal Arch Mason, and the only way to make them so is to demand it of them before they are permitted to assume the title. This would also be more in consonance with the present requirements than the methods now pursued of hastily prompting the candidates in the essentials of the preceding degrees on the eve of their boastful display of their rank as Masons during the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. I do not prescribe this as a panacea for all the difficulties under which we labor, but feel confident that its application will go far to eradicate the lethargy of our membership, as well as the much deplored system of using the Chapters for no other purpose than as a stepping stone to what are termed the higher orders of Masonry. It can readily be accomplished, either by the appointment in each Chapter of some well informed Companions for the purpose, or by making it the duty of some particular officer or officers of each Chapter to see that the candidates are fully instructed in one degree before conferring upon them another, and by prohibiting their advancement unless sufficient evidence is presented to the Chapter that they are fully qualified to prove themselves skilled workmen, and worthy of the honors and the title with which they have been clothed."

The report of the Committee on Accounts shows the finances of the Grand Chapter to be in a good condition.

The Special Committee on resolutions of respect to the late Companion A. G. Mackey, made their report. The distinguished character of this Companion we think warrants us in placing the report before our Grand Chapter in full. It is as follows:

"Once in a generation the world at large may be called upon to lament the loss of a great and distinguished character.

"Occasionally, in some one country or nation, a prominent man, in some one direction or specialty, is removed by the hand of the 'fell destroyer;' while daily, yea, even every hour, he seems blindly to scatter his darts among mankind, striking now an infant of hours or days; then, the octogenarian; here the apparently strong and robust man of maturity, and again the weak and decrepit valetudinarian; making no

distinction between rich and poor, the lowly and the great; and we may well say, with the poet:

'Death, with impartial fate,
Knocks at the castle, as the cottage gate.'

"Comparatively a few years since, the Masonic world at large had occasion to pay its tribute of respect for the distinguished Masonic writer and author, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at one time Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England; and now the same Masonic world are called upon to mourn the death of one who is equally distinguished as a writer and author of a large number of Masonic works of world-wide notoriety, usefulness and instruction.

"The sad event occurred at Fortress Monroe, Old Point Comfort, Virginia, 20th of June, 1881, and he was interred in this city, at Glenwood Cemetery, by the Masonic fraternity on the 26th of June, all the Bodies of the different Rites, to which he had belonged, uniting in very large numbers in the performance of the services and ceremonies incident to such an occasion, this Grand Chapter taking a part in the same.

"The relations existing between Companion Albert Gallatin Mackey and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia were of such a character as to demand something more than a stereotyped memorial notice.

"It will be remembered that in 1867, at the incipiency of the movement for the organization of this Grand Chapter, the technicalities presented in opposition were referred to him, in part, as a Past General Grand High Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, and his decision was invoked, and his opinion was highly favorable to the organization, which, when completed, he was invited to and did perform the ceremonies of the 'institution' and installation of the Grand Officers in May, 1867, he having come from Charleston for that purpose.

"A few years subsequently, becoming a permanent resident of this city, he united with the several Masonic organizations and became *ex officio* a member of this Grand Chapter, and chairman of one of its most important Standing Committees, that of Jurisprudence.

"To attest the estimation and appreciation of the officers and members of this Grand Chapter, representing the unanimous sentiment of the R. A. Masons of this jurisdiction, as to his learning and intellectual attainments, general intelligence, especially in all Masonic and cognate subjects, and his moral character, amiable disposition and courteous manners, this

minute is prepared and directed to be entered upon the records of this Grand Chapter; and that the following resolutions be adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in the death of M. E. Companion Albert Gallatin Mackey, Masonry, as an institution throughout the world, has lost one of its most brilliant lights, and has suffered a severe loss in the cessation of his Masonic literary labors; this Grand Chapter has lost a counsellor; the several bodies of Masonry to which he belonged a 'zealous participant in all their labors,' and the members thereof a true brother, faithful companion and magnanimous *frater*, who was ever ready to impart to each and to all any information within his scope in all the branches of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That a memorial page be set apart in the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That an engrossed certified copy of this paper be transmitted to his family, with this expression of our deep sympathy with them in their great loss.

"NOBLE D. LARNER,
WM. R. SINGLETON,
M. TRIMBLE."

The report also of the Committee in reference to the decease of Companion James Abram Garfield, for like reason cannot be omitted.

M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of D. C.:

"Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest relating to our deceased Companion,

JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD,

respectfully report:

"That fully and heartily endorsing the sentiments expressed in the address of our M. E. Grand High Priest, we deem it right and proper as law-abiding citizens and Masons to give full and free expression of our deep abhorrence and unreserved condemnation of the foul crime of assassination, and, in common with all good citizens of the nation, to express our indignation and sorrow at the cruel and tragic death of our deceased Companion, late President of the United States, and an active member of one of our constituent Chapters.

'Being known, recognized and associated with us for many years past and bound to us by the close and solemn ties of Royal Arch Masonry, we always found Comp. Garfield at his post of duty, cheerfully performing his manifold and onerous labors. A good man, a true and consistent Mason, worthy of his exalted character, and by his daily walk and conversation reflecting additional credit on our ancient and honorable Order. In the death of Companion Garfield the brotherhood of Royal Arch Masons has sustained a great loss and the Masons of this jurisdiction a firm friend and devoted Companion.

"We point with pleasure and pride to his life and character as a triumphant victory of Masonic principles, and in the heroic and Christian manner in which he met the awful summons of death we recognize the fact that Masonry can and must go hand in hand with christianity and patriotism, and continue and steadfastly maintain its high and exalted standard of morality and good citizenship.

"As son, husband, father and citizen, he had reached the high standard required by his solemn obligations taken at the altar of Freemasonry, and as such we recall his memory to his mother, wife and children, and to all good citizens of the country he loved so well.

"The committee recommend that a memorial page be set apart in the Proceedings in memory of our deceased Companion.

"M. TRIMBLE,
JAMES F. ALLEN,
L. G. STEPHENS,
Committee."

Comp. J. P. Pearson was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. L. G. Stephens Grand Secretary.

The financial condition of the eight Subordinate Chapters shows that all are in good condition, not one of them but has a good balance in their treasury, after all expenditures are paid.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Noble D. Larner, chairman of the Committee. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-three grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania not having reached the Committee, we are left out. So far as it goes, it is a carefully prepared report.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

This Grand Lodge has held two half-yearly Communications: the first at Freemasons Tavern, Tuesday, December 6th, 1881, and the second in The Hall at Red Lion Square, Tuesday, March 21st, 1882. At the first convocation The M. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, G. M. M. M., presided.

There were present many eminent Masons with a large number of Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers and brethren of private lodges.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Grand Master was saluted according to ancient form.

The M. W. G. M. M. M. then addressed the Grand Lodge. He said:

"I have to inform Grand Lodge that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany is waiting without, having been elected as a Past Grand Master at the last Grand Lodge. The confirmation of the Minutes ratifies that election. I will therefore ask two Provincial Grand Masters, two Past Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, two Grand Deacons and four Grand Stewards to form in procession for the reception of His Royal Highness."

"His Royal Highness was then conducted into Grand Lodge by the following Brethren (Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, playing the National Anthem):—Bros. Montague Guest, Prov. G. M. Dorset; Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. M. Middlesex and Surrey; Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, *C. B.*, P. G. W.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P. G. W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P. G. W.; Frederick Binckes, P. G. W., G. Secretary; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap.;

Alfred Williams, G. D ; Thomas Jell Pulley, G. D.; S. S. Partridge, G. D.; R. Paulson Spice, P. G. Steward; and W. Joseph Meek, G. Steward; E. Gilbert, G. Steward, and Robert Berridge, G. D. C.

"His Royal Highness having taken his stand in front of the Grand Master's pedestal,

"The M. W. G. M. M. M. said: Sir, it is my pleasing duty as Grand Mark Master Mason to welcome your Royal Highness to this Grand Lodge. Your Royal Highness is aware that you were unanimously elected as Past Grand Master at the meeting in May last. The enthusiasm displayed on your acceptance of the office, and your cordial reception here tonight, will assure your Royal Highness that I am justified in saying that we welcome you to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons on this occasion most heartily. Sir, it is never absent from our thoughts how much Freemasonry owes to the many illustrious members of the Royal House of England. It would, indeed, be unnecessary for me to go into details on this subject. What I have said is well known to all of us here present. Sufficient it is for me to say now that we know your illustrious Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, presides over the Grand Lodge of England, and His Royal Highness, your illustrious brother, the Duke of Connaught, is a Past Grand Warden of England, and that you yourself are a Past Grand Warden of England, and that her Majesty the Queen allows us to call her the Patron of our Order. Sir, we welcome you not only on this account for the many services and the many favors that we have received from the Royal Family, but for yourself and for the many talents and accomplishments which you possess, among them those of gentleness and learning, so well remembered to be possessed by His Royal Highness your beloved and revered father. We offer you, Sir, the highest compliment that it is in our power to offer, the high position of a Past Grand Master of the Order, and we thank you for accepting it. We have many Lodges under this Grand Lodge. They are increasing in number day by day. There are some 15,000 or 16,000 registered Mark Masters, and in their name I have the honor to speak. Sir, it is a great pleasure for me that your Royal Highness joins Grand Lodge during my term of office. May I add that I hope it may be in your power now and then to

come amongst us, and to aid us in the good government of the Order. I am sure, Sir, that I may promise you as warm and cordial a reception as you have had here to-night. I cannot, Sir, refrain from referring to an important incident which has lately occured which may affect your Royal Highness through life. When the proper time comes no doubt a vote of congratulation will be passed to your Royal Highness; but I think the Brethren present would blame me if I did not offer you our hearty congratulations on the happy prospects which are placed before you. May you, Sir, enjoy all the happiness which the real domestic life of this country always receives. Through a long vista of years we wish your Royal Highness this as heartily as we wish you health and prosperity, and as heartily as we wish that your Royal Highness's Royal House may guide the destinies of this great country for generations to come; and as heartily as we welcome your Royal Highness here to-night, and shall ever welcome you when you come amongst us.

"H. R. H. the Duke of Albany, *K. G.*, was then obligated, after which he was placed in the Past Grand Mark Master Mason's chair, and formally saluted, according to ancient custom.

"The Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M., said: Brethren, I beg to assure you of the great pleasure which it has given me to become a Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, and at the same time to assure you that I shall always endeavor to advance the best interests of Mark Masonry. I have been much gratified by the kind reception which you have accorded me this evening, and particularly for the congratulation you have offered on my approaching marriage. I beg particularly to thank Bro. Lord Henniker for the kind terms he has used in speaking of me. As I am leaving here in a few minutes I hope you will excuse me saying more.

"The M. W. G. M. M. M.: Brethren, it is my duty now to propose a vote that I think you will all join in. It may be late to propose the vote, but you will reccollect that this is the first Grand Lodge that has been held since the sad event of the death of the late President of The United States. I am in favor of making very short speeches on occasions of this kind, especially when we are in earnest in what we say. I do not think I need say how throughly grieved we are at the great loss not only to the United States of America, but I think also to the world in general, by the death of this upright

and enlightened ruler of that great country. We recollect his bravery and fortitude in his long and painful illness; we recollect the watching by the sick bed, and we almost felt that we in this country were joining in that watching. We recollect, too, the enormous amount of sympathy that was shown in this country, and we recollect that General Garfield was a most distinguished Mason; and we remember, too, that this Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has always been in close sympathy with the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States. The feeling that was shown I think in this country was not one that we can look upon alone as respect for the great man who was taken away, but it reminds us that the people of America and ourselves are come from one common stock. We must not forget this, nor must we forget the enthusiasm in America for Her Majesty the Queen for her sympathy with that country and with Mrs. Garfield in the sad trial that had come upon them. We in this country know that we may expect that sympathy from Her Majesty at such times of trial. It is well known, too, in the United States; and such sympathy, you may depend upon it, is not easily forgotten, and I believe it must tend to cement that friendship which always exists between England and America. Her Majesty has set us an example which we can only humbly follow; but still I shall ask you, by passing this vote of condolence with Mrs. Garfield, to add one more word of sympathy to the many that have been spoken from this country already. I think you will trust me to see the resolution, if it is passed, sent in proper terms; and I will merely move now 'That a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Garfield in the great loss that she and the great country of America has sustained.'

"The Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M.: Brethren, I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposition of your Grand Master.

"The motion was carried unanimously.

"His Royal Highness, the Duke of Albany, then left Grand Lodge, escorted as on his admission."

The Report of the General Board shows:

"The number of Certificates issued in the six months to 30th of September, 1881, was 650, the total of Registered Advancements being 15,398.

".During the same period 13 Warrants for new Lodges were granted, viz:

No. 279	Pinnacle, . .	Simla.
" 280	Newton, . .	Newton, Auckland, N. Z.
" 281	Beverlac, . .	Beverly,
" 282	Derwent, . .	Workington.
" 283	William Pearl, .	Mysore, Madras.
" 284	High Cross, . .	Tottenham.
" 285	Kirby, . .	Saidpur, Bengal.
" 286	Cheena, . .	Nynee Tal. Bengal.
" 287	Carlo Eduardo Coffey,	Syracuse, Sicily.
" 288	Port Natal, . .	Durban, Natal.
" 289	Dalhousie, . .	Kyneton, Australia.
" 290	Tudor Lodge of Volunteers,	Wolverhampton.
" 291	Drifelt, . .	Driffield.

and 92 Certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, with 3 Warrants for new Ark Lodges:

Dove,	attached to	Worthy Apprentice,	No. 193.
Comet,	"	Comet	" 260.
Port Natal,	"	Port Natal	" 288.

"The Grand Festival was held on Tuesday, 31st May last, on which occasion was celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the constitution of the Mark Grand Lodge. The prestige of the Meeting was materially enhanced by the official announcement of the acceptance by H. R. H. the Duke of Albany, K. G., of the rank of M. W. Past Grand Master of the Order, was unusually successful in point of members, between 300 and 400 Brethren having attended, and was ably presided over by the newly installed Grand Master, the M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker. The auspicious event was further commemorated by a Banquet to ladies, who subsequently joined the Brethren in the enjoyment of a Concert specially provided under most satisfactory arrangements."

The Grand Treasurer's account shows the financial condition to be good.

At the 2d Half-yearly Convocation M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, G. M. M. M., presided.

The Report of the General Board shows:

"The number of Certificates issued in the six months to 31st March, 1882, was 741—the largest number as yet granted in a similar period—the total of Registered Advancements being 16,139.

"During the same period seven Warrants for new Lodges were granted, viz:

No. 292	Watling Street, . .	Stony Stratford.
" 293	Industry, . .	Gateshead.
" 294	Royal Naval College, .	Greenwich.
" 295	Loyalty, . .	Bermuda.
" 296	Fylde, . .	Blackpool.
" 297	Picton Castle, . .	Haverford West.
" 298	Taj Mehal, . .	Agra.

Also 157 Certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, and three Warrants for new Royal Ark Lodges, viz:

William Kelly,	attached to	No. 19, Leicester.
Ark,	"	" 59, Worcester.
Dewar,	"	" 237, Rochester.

The total number of Registered Elevations being 1,116."

There was no Report on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The 32d Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, convened in the City of Chicago on Thursday, October 27th, 1881, at which the Grand High Priest with the other Grand Officers were present.

A Constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters being represented; the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. G. H. P., Silas O. Vaughan then delivered his Annual Address, which is purely of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances to be in a very flourishing condition, after all debts paid a balance remaining of over $9,000.00.

M. E. Comp. John P. Norvell, of Danville, was elected Grand High Priest and E. Comp. Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Robert L. McKinlay. He reviews thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions; Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

INDIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation in the Grand Masonic Temple, at Indianapolis, on Wednesday, October 19th, 1881. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Edward Walker, present, with all the Grand Officers. Eight P. G. H. Priests and one P. D. G. H. Priest also present and the Representatives of seventy Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. G. H. Priest delivered his Annual Address mostly of local interest.

M. E. Charles H. Butterfield, of Evansville, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. John M. Brannoell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a handsome balance.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we observe he has prepared the Report on Correspondence, and of it he says:

"This is submitted, knowing that there are many defects. But, Companions, ill health, first attempt at anything of the kind, together with other duties that were imperative, combine to plead for me a charitable consideration of this subject at your hands. No one could have worked harder to make it respectable—and have had very much good material to glean from—both in matter and style, and after writing some and laying them away, weeks after, have reviewed them, then thrown them aside and re-wrote to suit changed circumstances, or, what was more aggravating, that which was first written did not seem to be such information as would be desired by you or those who might peruse it in other jurisdictions. But I have attempted to appease them by appeals to their Masonic forbearance, as I reviewed each separately. Writers of these reports in other jurisdictions are, as a rule, retained in this

field of labor from year to year, because of their known ability, and I have egotism enough about me to believe that a second attempt would enable me to correct or improve upon this, but I have promised (to gain the indulgence of those who criticise) that this shall be the last."

The Committee to whom the Report on Correspondence was referred, recommends (as it is already printed) that it be bound separately from and distributed with the proceedings of the Grand Body.

We, therefore, have the document sent us tastefully bound as a separate volume. It contains 147 pages. Forty-one Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, and, for a maiden effort, we are much pleased with the review. In opening, he says:

"When we accepted the office, and with it, the honor of Grand High Priest and its attendant duties, we did so with some doubts or misgivings of our ability to perform the task acceptably to the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction: but imagine our surprise—yea, consternation, when among the first duties we had to perform we read the Committee's Report on Foreign Correspondence of the State of Nebraska; and, also, of our own State, and stood amazed to find such able writers as Judge Long, of this State, and E. F. Warren, of Nebraska, apologizing for their feeble efforts, doubting their ability—not forgetting to state that this one was their maiden effort. We stood aghast at the figure we should cut with our puerile pen when contrasted with such able writers and learned jurists. If these were feeble and unentertaining, what would be said of efforts like the one about to emanate from us. Might we not be well amazed, and be sorry we did not decline the honor so generously tendered us? We had never shirked a duty as a Mason, but would it not have been better if we had not permitted our modesty to forsake us for the time, and resign into other hands a duty so ably performed heretofore by our predecessors? But modesty bespeaks the merit in them, and we should now be glad if we could summon enough of that commodity to give to our present effort a tithe of the ability displayed by other writers in their first efforts as correspondents. This much by way of exordium."

Pennsylvania is reviewed in five pages.

The Report in general shows considerable labor and must have cost our M. E. Companion considerable trouble to arrange the matter as he has done, and we have no doubt that the writer did feel as he expressed himself in his conclusion, a sense of relief.

Considering how well it has been done, the M. E. Grand Master might have continued our Companion for another year, but the honor falls upon Comp. Elisha L. McLallan, as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

IOWA.

The 28th Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Des Moines, on the 25th day of October, A. D., 1881. M. E. Grand High Priest, Almon R. Dewey, with most of the Grand Officers present, together with seventy of the ninety Chartered Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter having been opened in ample form and transaction of business, the Grand High Priest read his Aunual Address. He says:

"Another eventful year, freighted with hope, fear, happiness, and anguish, with ambitions (few) realized, and aspirations (many) thwarted, ebbs away, and admonishes us that we have passed one step further down life's declivity.

"The moral sentiment has, with many, received a severe shock in this the past year, and left us wondering at man's depravity and the recklessness of human nature, all calculated to stimulate us with a more exalted feeling for our Order, and encouraging us to continue its noble teachings and disseminate them among men. That we may more fully accomplish this, and be better prepared to know and teach its truths, have we met in this our twenty-eighth Grand Annual Convocation; in our humble manner have we paid that homage to Deity due from the mortal to the immortal, and joined our voices in praise of Him, 'the great Giver of all good.'

"Masonry, being of itself a factor in civilization, has kept pace with its advancement, and as our commonwealth expands in intelligence, so we see Masonry flourish, gathering within its folds those better parts of man's nature, and instructs, within her reckoning, all those beauties tending to make us wiser, better, and happier."

During the past year four new Chapters have received dispensations as follows:

Three-times-Three Chapter, at Nevada, Story County.
Amity Chapter, at Audibon, Audibon County.
Bathkol Chapter, at Maquoketo, Jackson County.
Orient Chapter, at Indianola, Warren County.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a good balance after all debts paid.

Comp. Augustus C. Sherwood, of Marshalltown, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. William B. Laugridge, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. T. R. Ercauback, in which he reviews the proceedings of 39 Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

KANSAS.

The Seventeeth Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Chapter was held in the City of Topeka on Tuesday, February 14th, 1882. Upon the call of the roll all the Elective Grand Officers were present and Representatives from forty-one Subordinate Chapters. The Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Silas E. Sheldon, read his Annual Address. He said:

"It is now seventeen years since a small gathering of true and tried Companions constituted themselves a Grand Chapter, upon the soil and within the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas. During all this period the fire has been kept burning upon the altar; our ritual and ceremonies have lost none of their beauty or eloquence by transmission through our predecessors; the grand and holy truths, of which we are custodians, have been diligently and faithfully inculcated, and we have been impressed in many ways with the belief that the blessing of Deity has been upon us and our work.

"We are here again, Companions, not simply to do the routine business, pass a few laws and regulations and cast up the accounts of the year—for which such Annual Convocations are sometimes supposed to be appointed—but to renew by fraternal greeting that spirit of generous brotherhood, that faith and trust in divine guidance, and that earnest enthusiasm for the principles of our Order, without which Capitular Masonry, in the true and vital meaning of that term, would cease to exist."

Two new Chapters have received dispensation during the year:

Sterling Chapter, at Sterling, Rice County.
Apollo Chapter, at Minneapolis, Ottowa County.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the financial condition good.

M. E. Comp. George C. Kenyon, of Abilene, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, Grand Secretary.

Comp. John H. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence, and Pennsylvania is mentioned fraternally with the thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions reviewed.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this state held its Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Louisville on the 18th of October, A. D., 1881.

All the Grand Officers were present, with six Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of twenty-four Grand Chapters and fifty-six Subordinate Chapters.

A constitutional number being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

Grand High Priest W. Larue Thomas then made his Annual Address, in which he represents Capitular Masonry in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the financial condition fair.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

"M. E. R. J. Laughlin, Nebo, Grand High Priest.
E. Howard R. French, Mt. Sterling, Dep. G. H. P.
E. R. M. Fairleigh, Hopkinsville, Grand King.
E. C. E. Dunn, Louisville, Grand Scribe.
Comp. John N. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer.
" Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Hiram Bassett. He reviews thirty-eight grand jurisdictions. The Report is carefully prepared, Pennsylvania being fraternally reviewed.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter assembled in its 57th Annual Convocation, in Portland, on Tuesday, May 2d, 1882. M. E. Comp. Joseph A. Locke, Grand High Priest, and all the Grand Officers present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Forty-four Subordinate Chapters represented. There were also present ten P. G. H. Priests, two P. D. G. H. Priests, two P. G. Kings and one P. G. Scribe. Representatives of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were also present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented and read his Annual Address.

The deaths of Comp. Warren Phillips, Grand Sentinel, and E. Comp. Charles C. Mason, Grand Chaplain, were mentioned in feeling terms.

St. George's Chapter, No. 45, at Liberty, was constituted.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows Capitular Masonry flourishing, financially.

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

The Report on Correspondence reviews thirty-seven Jurisdictions and is from the pen of Comp. Josiah H. Drummond. The well-known masonic ability of our Companion would demand of us more than a glance at his Report, but for reasons mentioned we can give it but little space. Pennsylvania is fraternally mentioned. An oversight of your Committee in its former Report was pointed out. If it was in the Committee's power to make amends they would cheerfully do so.

MARYLAND.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Baltimore on Tuesday, November 8th, 1881. Most of the Grand Officers present, with a number of Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Representatives of Chapters, etc.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"It affords me sincere pleasure to welcome you as the Representatives of the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, to this Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, now in the *eighty-fourth* year of her existence, and at our sacred altar to renew those fraternal greetings, and still further cement that intimate companionship which the principles of our Royal Order so beautifully inculcate.

"With a 'Grand Circle' unbroken, we have again knelt at our altar, and by an act of devotion demonstrated our faith in the Supreme High Priest, the God of our Fathers, the Great I Am, and acknowledged that 'He is good,' and that 'His mercy eudureth forever.'

"From the depths of the grave we are often taught the bitterest lessons of life, but through the mercies and blessings vouchsafed us during the past Masonic year we are enabled this evening to look upon the same familiar faces, and exchange greetings with the same faithful Companions who, for years past, have borne the heat and burden of the day in their efforts to advance and maintain Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction."

As to the condition of Capitular Masonry he adds:

"Royal Arch Masonry in Maryland, without any ostentatious display, pursues an onward, steady and harmonious course. The officers of the Subordinate Chapters, through the assistance of the Grand Lecturer, have conformed to the changes

in the ritual as recommended by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the majority of them have exhibited an ardent devotion to their work during the past year, that is highly commendable. Material prosperity has attended such efforts, and it is confidently expected that the completion of the new elevator will greatly increase the attendance at the Convocations of the City Chapters held in the Masonic Temple.

"All of the Subordinate Chapters, with one exception, are represented at the present Annual Conclave, and general prosperity and the characteristic harmony prevail in the Order of Capitular Masonry in Maryland, and throughout our entire country."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good balance.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

"Comp. William F. Cochran, M. E. G. H. Priest.
" Charles V. S. Levy, R. E. D. G. H. Priest.
" George W. Sheive, R. E. G. King.
" John M. Carter, R. E. G. Scribe.
" Thomas J. Shryock, R. E. G. Treasurer.
" George L. McCahan, R. E. G. Secretary.
" J. Bryan Purcell, R. E. G. Chaplain.
" Henry C. Larrabee, R. E. G. C. of the Host."

The report on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Chapter held its 81st Annual Convocation in the City of Boston, on the 13th of December, 1881. There were also held three Quarterly Convocations during the year all of which were well attended.

At the Annual Convocation, the M. E. Grand High Priest and Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter were present and the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. All the degrees were exemplified during the day and the regular business was postponed until the evening session.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Thomas Waterman, delivered an Address, from which we quote.

"COMPANIONS:—Three years ago, by your kindness, I was placed in this chair, and twice have you re-elected me to this high officer. To-night, my term of office expires by constitutional limitation, and I resign into your hands the gavel and the mitre.

"Although these years have been comparatively uneventful, and nothing has transpired to startle the Royal Arch constituency of the Commonwealth, they have not been entirely barren of good results. Peace has been within our walls and prosperity within our palaces. The Royal Art has flourished, the Craft are working in harmony, and but few causes of difference have marred our labors. The most thorough loyalty to the Grand Chapter exists throughout the State.

"Since our last Convocation, two esteemed Companions of the Grand Chapter have passed from earth to heaven: one full of years and honors, his labors complete and well done; the other in the prime of life, enthusiastic and apparently vigorous, dying with his harness on. I allude to M. E. Comp. Daniel Harwood and R. E. Comp. Tracy P. Cheever. No words of mine can adequately describe to you their princely characters as men and as Masons, the nobility and complete harmony of their lives, the pathos of their death, and our sense of loss and bereavement at their taking off."

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:—for Grand High Priest, E. Comp. Albert C. Smith, and Comp. Zeph H. Thomas, of Cambridge, R. E. Grand Secretary.

A Special Convocation was held for installation of Grand Officers upon December 27th, 1881, at which all the Grand Officers were duly installed.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $1.767.57.

Comp. J. W. Dadmun presents the Report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Jurisdictions. The Report opens with a reference to the assassination of our beloved president, as follows:

"We commenced writing this Report September, 1881, under great depression of spirits, because of the assassination of our beloved and distinguished Comp. JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, President of the United States. That he should be cut down by the hand of a political fanatic in a time of peace, and so soon after he had obtained the loftiest position within the gift of his country, is a personal and national affliction almost too grievous to be borne.

"In seeking for consolation, we are reminded of the noble, eloquent words he uttered on the death of the first martyr President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN: 'God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives.' In addition to this, we are comforted with the thought that he has not lived in vain. His calm resoluteness, his undaunted perseverance, his native dignity, his consistent demeanor, his unsullied integrity, his faith in God, and his hope in immortality will remain a rich legacy for his family, for our fraternity, and for the nation he honored and loved so well.

"And he has not *died* in vain; for by his sufferings and death all sections of this great country have been brought together, without distinction of sect or party, 'around one common mercy seat,' to pray for and sympathize with each other, and to bury all sectional feelings henceforth and forever. Like one of old, he slew more enemies at his death—enemies of peace, of union, and of Christianity—than he slew in his life. Ay, all civilized nations have been brought nearer to us and are dearer to us for the profound sympathy they have expressed for him and for our country, during the supreme trials through which we have passed. May we imitate his virtues, and thus show that we are worthy to belong to a brotherhood whose history is adorned with the names of Warren, Washington, Garfield, and a host of patriots, statesmen, and Freemasons."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed.

MICHIGAN.

The Thirty-third Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Flint, January 17th and 18th, 1882. All the Grand Officers present with a sufficient number of Subordinate Chapters represented when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Charles H. Axtell, then delivered his annual address. He says:

"By divine blessing we are once more permitted to come together and join hands in fraternal greeting and unison around our common altar, in praise and thanksgiving to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the manifold comforts, privileges and immunities we enjoy, and to deliberate and legislate for the good of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Willing hearts and skillful hands, united in so 'noble and glorious an undertaking,' cannot be otherwise than fruitful for good, and therefore our assembling together upon these annual occasions, should not be looked upon with indifference, and as an affair of little concern by the Companions of this State, but as something of vital importance to the craft. The eight thousand Royal Arch Masons, whose legal representatives we are for the time being, should look, and no doubt many of them are looking, with interest to the transactions of this Grand Chapter; and therefore peace, love and harmony should prevail in all our discussions and deliberations, in order that our work may 'pass the Grand Overseer's square.'

"If we are true to our professions, and true to the trusts confided to our care, such will be the happy result; and the jewels of Capitular Masonry in this State, will shine brighter for our having met; and each worthy Companion will feel happier, do better, love his neighbor more, and endeavor to rise higher in the scale of humanity as a legitimate consequence.

"Companions, the Masonic year now drawing to a close has been an eventful one. Not that our beloved Order as such has suffered any startling convulsion or dangerous innovations, but the secular and political world around us has been shaken from center to circumference by the events of the last past twelve months. The red-handed assassin, the cold-blooded murderer, the brutish violator of woman's chastity, and the cowardly incendiary have each been bold, industrious and devilish to an extent scarcely equalled at any time or in any age. Our sensibilities have also been repeatedly shocked and our deepest sympathies evoked by the terrible calamities, both on land and at sea, which have prevailed to an extent almost without a parallel.

"'The all-devouring scythe of time,' too, disregarding alike 'the power of wealth, the dreams of ambition, the pride of intellect and the charms of beauty,' has not been slumbering or idle, but has claimed and secured its victims in no insignificant numbers.

Garfield.

"On the 2d day of July last our worthy Companion, the lamented James A. Garfield, President of the United States, was stricken down while in the full vigor of manhood and the zenith of his power and influence, by the hand of an assassin. Scarcely any act of any man for ages past ever cast such a gloom and caused such universal sympathy, or elicited so much horror and detestation, not only in this country but throughout the civilized world, as that one act; and it is but fit and proper that we should take some notice of this terrible calamity."

Bangor Chapter, No. 104, was constituted, also Emmett Chapter, No. 104.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a handsome balance.

The following is the result of the election for Grand Officers.

M. E. Comp. William S. Turck, Alma, Grand High Priest.
V. E. Comp. George Hill, Portland, Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. Comp. Theron F. Giddings, Kalamazoo, Grand King.
R. E. Comp. W. Irving Latimer, Big Rapids, Grand Scribe.
R. E. Comp. H. Shaw Noble, Monroe, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Comp. William P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.
R. E. Comp. Rev. F. A. Blades, Detroit, Grand Chaplain.
R. E. Comp. Daniel Striker, Hastings, G. Captain of the Host.
R. E. Comp. Henry M. Zekind, St. Joseph, Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. E. Comp. B. F. Watts, Ann Arbor, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
R. E. Comp. Eugene P. Robertson, Albion, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
E. Comp. William Wente, Manistee, G. Master Third Vail.
E. Comp. William G. Hudson, Ludington, Grand Master Second Vail.
E. Comp. S. C. Randall, Flint, Grand Master First Vail.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. William P. Innes. He reviews thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally mentioned.

MINNESOTA.

The 20th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in the city of St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 11th, 1881.

The Grand Officers being present, with a large number of Companions. Twenty-two Subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest W. G. Bronson, delivered his Annual Address.

He says:

"COMPANIONS: To this, the Twentieth Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, I welcome you. It is indeed a most pleasant duty and privilege to utter a word of greeting and good cheer to you, my Companions, who have assembled in Grand Convocation to legislate and devise plans for the successful operation of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. I greet you as the representatives of nearly two thousand Royal Arch Masons of our noble State—good men and true Companions, coming from all professions, from every station in life, and meeting here upon the common level, exchanging hearty greetings, and offering such words of welcome as can only be uttered by those who are bound together by those ties of friendship and brotherly affection which death alone can sever. But while in the midst of our hearty handshaking, and our greatest congratulations, let us not forget to render thanks to the great I AM for the protection our labors have received during the past year, and that so many of us are again permitted to unite in the duties of this Convocation. Let us here again renew the vows we have heretofore taken, to be true and faithful to our Companions, to comfort and succor the poor, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and to bind up the wounds of the distressed. For it is only by the constant and daily practice of these virtues which are taught inside the Chapter that we may expect to possess 'that union, that zeal and that purity of heart which should actuate every one who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

Dispensations were issued for new Chapters, as follows:

Plainview Chapter, at Plainview, Wabasha County.
Le Sueur Chapter, at Le Sueur, Scott County.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows balance on hand $981.09.

Comp. Orville G. Miller, of St. Paul, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest and Comp. A. T. C. Pierson, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence reviews forty-one Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Jackson, on Monday, February 6th, 1882. All the Grand Officers present. A number of Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, and Scribes, with a sufficient number of Representative members to form a quorum.

The Grand High Priest, Frederick Speed, delivered his annual address. He says:

"Singularly appropriate have been the solemn ceremonies with which we have endeavored to sanctify the commencement of the labors of this, the Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, for we, too, like Solomon and Zerubbabel of old, are engaged in the construction of a mighty fabric—a temple pure and spotless; a temple whose site is not Mount Moriah, but our hearts; whose materials are not stone and mortar, but virtues and duties; whose cement is brotherly love, and in whose sanctuary, we trust, the Ancient of Days resides, not in any typical form, hovering over the Ark of the Covenant and between the extended wings of the Cherubim, as in the temple of Solomon, but in His ever-loving and sanctifying presence, as God is said to dwell in the heart of every good man. To keep this temple pure and spotless, fit for the dwelling place of Him who is the author of purity, where the great I AM may be worshipped in spirit and in truth, and whence every evil thought and unruly passion are to be banished, as the sinner and the Gentile were excluded from the inner courts of the temples at Jerusalem, is the object of all Masonic labor. It is, then, very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Him who alone is able to keep our feet from stumbling as we travel the rough and rugged paths of life, and who is the only sure Guide to bring the blind by a way they know not, and who will not forsake them.

"In the good Providence of God we have again been permitted to assemble in Annual Convocation, to extend the hand of fraternal greeting, to renew old friendships, to give and to receive counsel, and to labor to do good to our fellow-men. I trust that each of us will be found to be animated with the spirit of our Companions of old, who journeyed from Babylon to Jerusalem to assist in the noble and glorious undertaking of rebuilding the house of the Lord, and will be found ready with your *crows* to assist in removing from the minds of our fellow mortals the heavy weight of passion and prejudice which encumbers their progress towards virtue; with our *pick-axes* to loosen the holds which long habits of sin and folly have upon their dispositions, and with our *spades* to remove the rubbish of vice and ignorance which prevents them from beholding the foundation of truth and wisdom, upon which to erect the spiritual and moral temple which shall fit them as living stones for that spiritual building, that "'house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand $295.62.

The following is the result of the election for Grand Officers:

William Richards, M. E. Grand High Priest.
B. T. Kimbrough, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
William French, R. E. Grand King.
S. C. Conly, R. Grand Scribe.
N. W. Bouton, R. E. Grand Captain of the Host.
A. H. Barkley, Rev. Grand Chaplain.
Richard P. Bowen, Grand Lecturer.
A. P. Barry, Grand Treasurer.
J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.
Jacob Peebles, Grand Sentinel.

Comp. P. M. Savery presented the report from the Committee on Correspondence, and Comp. J. H. Kennedy, one of the Committee, says: "Having read, I fully endorse the above."

It reviews 38 grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally reviewed.

NEBRASKA.

This Most Excellent Grand Chapter held its fifteenth Annual Convocation at Lincoln, on Tuesday, December 20th, 1881. M. E. H. Baxter Nicodemus, Grand High Priest, present, with most of the Grand Officers. Eighteen Chapters rspresented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, and as to the condition of the Craft, he says:

"I desire sincerely to congratulate you upon the harmony that has prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction, the companions with one accord having put their shoulders to the wheel and loyally devoted themselves to promoting the interests and prosperity of the Royal Craft. Capitular Masonry in Nebraska, I am proud to say, is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Many stones have been laid in the wall during the past year, and the material has been of the best character, having been tried in the crucible and not found wanting."

Two new Chapters were constituted during the year.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 20, at Pawnee City, and Hastings Chapter, No. 21, at Hastings.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good balance on hand.

Comp. Samuel P. Davidson was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William R. Bowen Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence reviews 41 grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number. It is from the

pen of Comp. Edwin F. Warren. Our Companion talks out in pure Western style, a sample of which we cull from his conclusion:

"At the end of this our third annual 'round up' we find almost all our thoroughbreds are within the 'corral,' and those that are still at large we hope to catch and 'brand' before our last manuscript goes to the printers. We have greatly enjoyed our labors. Though some of our stock has been not a little wild and untamed, when we could not get along easily we have not hesitated to 'take the bull by the horns,' —to carry out our simile,—and whether we have been tossed without landing upon our feet, another year's proceedings will show."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A Special Convocation of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Concord, September 27th, 1880, for the exemplification of the degrees; most of the Grand Officers present, after which the the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

The Annual Convocation was held at the same place, on Tuesday, May 17th, 1881. All the Grand Officers present, six Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of fourteen Grand Jurisdictions, and the Representatives of thirteen Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest of Quebec, M. E. Companion Isaac Henry Stearns, was introduced and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, to which the M. E. Companion responded.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Albert S. Wait, then delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"It gives me great satisfaction to assure you that, while peace and fraternal concord have marked our progress at home, the utmost harmony has prevailed between our own Grand Chapter and those of all sister jurisdictions.

"As we have been guided through the experiences of the year by Him who is over all and seeth all that belongs to our welfare, let us give thanks to His infinite name that we meet by His mercy with unbroken numbers to speak of the blessings of the past, feeling assured that He will guide our footsteps through whatever awaits us henceforth.

"It may be truly said that nothing has occurred since our last annaal Grand Convocation to distinguish the year as one of more than usually eventful interest."

As to the General Grand Chapter, he adds:

"Much discussion has heretofore been had upon the value of the General Grand Chapter to the Royal Craft, and there is probably not at the present time entire unanimity of opinion upon the subject, even among those who acknowledge its supremacy. I understand the proper province of the Body to be the conservation of uniformity in the work of this branch of Masonry; and that this is all it claims for itself. It assumes no authority over the various Grand Chapters, or the interests of their jurisdictions, in anything relating to their government or that of the Chapters under them. Within this province I am satisfied of the usefulness of the organization, and believe that it justly demands our loyalty and support. It is the rival of no one, but a band of union among all, tending to more intimate social and fraternal relations among a brotherhood so widely dispersed as without it to be in danger of remaining at perpetual distance from each other."

St. Omer Chapter, No. 22, in Franklin, was granted a dispensation, and a warrant granted to its members.

The Grand Officers were re-elected.

The financial condition is good.

No report on Correspondence.

NFW JERSEY.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, at Trenton, on the 13th day of September, 1882. The M. E. Companion I. Layton Register, Grand High Priest, present, together wlth the Elective Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, thirty-four Past High Priests, and the Representatives from twenty-six Subordinate Chapters, and a number of Representatives of Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, after which an ode was sung, entitled "Sorrowing, yet not without hope," at the request of the Grand High Priest. The ode was composed by M. E. Comp. Robert Morris, and to the memory of Thomas J. Corson. After the reading of the minutes, and the appointment of the usual committees, the G. H. Priest delivered his Annual Address, part of which we quote.

"M. E. Companions:—Twenty-five years ago this Grand Chapter held its first annual convocation. In the quarter of a century that has since passed, the membership of the Royal Craft in the United States has quadrupled—New Jersey ranking sixteenth, numerically, among the grand bodies.

"Most of us were boys then, and few of those who were at the organization are now here, and many more who came in later, have done life's work and are numbered with the silent majority.

"It is a long stretch of time to go over and retrospect, and as we commemorate this day, let us, while venerating the memory of the lamented dead, add new honors to the worthy living, who have covered this period of Masonic history, and who show that their work was good and square and true."

He announced in feeling terms the deaths of P. G. H. P. Johu Sheville, General Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Robert F. Bower, Past General Grand High Priest James McMurray Austin, M.D., Comp. George S. Blackie, and P. H. P. Marshall B. Smith, D.D. He said:

"This death-roll brings to mind the tender sentiments of Longfellow, 'That we walk here, as it were, in the crypts of life: at times, from the great cathedral above us, we can hear the organ and the chanting choir, and see the light stream through the open door, when some friend goes out before us. But shall we fear to mount the narrow staircase of the grave that leads us out of this uncertain twilight into eternal life?'"

A dispensation for a new Chapter was granted at Manasquan.

In reference to foreign correspondence the Grand High Priest said:

"How many Companions read the elaborate reports on Foreign Correspondence that are yearly edited with so much care? If I shall judge others by myself, I fear that too few take the time necessary to study them as they deserve, for they form the most conspicuous and able portion of our current Masonic literature, in which difficult questions and law points are handled with rare dexterity, and the peculiar notions of Grand Officers are treated with fraternal consideration.

"Though the great Corson finished his task in carrying forward the work to a high rank in the annals of Capitular Masonry, his mantle has fallen upon other worthy shoulders, and New Jersey continues to receive most honorable mention in other Grand Chapter proceedings. This much should be said for the modesty of one whose reports have been so favorably commented upon, and who has won universal praise; and it is but a slight tribute to render to our Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, whose facile pen has earned such honor among the guild."

We also quote the following:

"As a result of my official visits, I became impressed with the fact that not one-fourth of the members attend the regular convocations of their respective Chapters.

"It was my privilege and pleasure to address some of the Chapters upon the importance of urging the members to become more frequent in their attendance, with some of the old-time enthusiasm, like that which we felt when fresh from the altar, with all its stirring effect still warm in our hearts. As those suggestions were formally received, this opportunity is taken to refer to the subject again, hoping it will reach the attention of all the craft.

"The causes for non-attendance need not be discussed at length, for the reasons are various and sometimes unavoidable. And, besides, it seems but natural that, after a time, we should grow lukewarm in almost any cause, unless its principles be deep-seated in our hearts and minds, like the Christian life, that develops in grace as we grow in years.

"An appeal, therefore, is made to every officer and member who loves Masonry for the good that is in it, and for the good that it has done and may do, to help in carrying forward to a successful issue all that our fondest hopes could desire, by re-kindling an interest among Companions.

"Do not let the Chapter degrees be regarded as sort of way-stations on the rapid-transit road to higher orders, stopping only long enough, from necessity, to rest and refresh yourselves, making the goal of your Masonic ambition something that is beyond, but lift up the Keystone of your Masonic aspirations, and place it in the highest niche, to complete in solid grandeur the Sublime Royal Arch.

"As High Priests, you are appealed to, to become leaders in this noble work, and take it up with earnestness, so that, when you have laid down the gavel of office, there will be the proud satisfaction of knowing that you have completed your task in the rebuilding of the Temple in the most skillful manner, and deserve the highest praise for its perfection and beauty.

"What is needed is direct personal appeal, and contact with every member who does not attend. This does not seem difficult to a determined man, who will make a list of the delinquents, and either see them personally or have some other equally faithful member co-operate in the work in a true Masonic spirit, and with persevering enthusiasm.

"Having been honored by election to fill the highest gift at the hands of your Companions, I shall confidently rely upon your wisdom, zeal and knowledge of the situation, to accomplish this commendabie object, and make all happy beyond the most sanguine expectations.

"Among the obstructions you may meet in this laudable enterprise, is that one where bitterness of feeling has overflowed all the sweetness that filled the cup of Masonic hopes. Whenever you find this, meet it manfully, and leave the impress of your noble action so indelibly *marked* that you will at least get credit for having done your duty.

"What is wanted in the Masonic world is to enjoy its privileges in a way that proves to the community in which you dwell, and the people with whom you come in contact, that there is a lovableness, a cordiality, a sympathy of character in your lives, that finds its truest development in an institution wherein we claim that all is good. If we lack any of these finer elements in ourselves, and yet admire them in others, we must attribute the defect to a selfishness in wishing to receive from others what we would not give ourselves, and with a courage that will do the heart good, break away from the barriers that would restrain our nobler impulses, and rise to a higher level than the world ordinarily enjoys.

"This may be called the poetry of Masonry, but when put into practice, it is its best definition.

"Oh, for the bright day to come, when to be known as a Mason will signify all that is great and true, and simple and just, and be accepted like sterling coin, that bears upon its face its own worth. This should be our aspiration, and by the aid of Him whom we worship, it shall be our hope."

From the reports of the several Grand Officers we should judge that Capitular Masonry in our sister State was in a most flourishing condition. The finances as well, a handsome balance in the treasury after all debts paid.

Comp. George B. Edwards presented the Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. It reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

Comp. Edwards in referring to our Report on Correspondence of last year, says:

"The Chairman is evidently in favor of total abstinence, and would like to see it grafted upon Masonry and embraced in the regulations, forgetful that temperance is taught at the very threshold of the Masonic edifice. A *virtue*, and as far before total abstinence as the latter is before drunkenness. Those who practice temperance possess a virtue; those who practice total abstinence exhibit a weakness—a pretty poor substitute for one of the chief graces of manhood, when it is remembered in what likeness that manhood has been cast. Let there be no derogations."

I cannot understand how Comp. Edwards can from my report draw the conclusion that I am in favor of having total abstinence embraced in the regulations of Masonry. In my review of Oregon I did endorse a resolution condemning profane language and retailing spirituous liquor, and said also that the resolution was defective in not embracing the wholesaler as well, *i. e.* if we had any right to legislate upon the subject. Just what Comp. Zane is in favor of on the subject was not in his report. He thinks, however, now, just as he then thought, although not expressed, that Masonry has very little to do with the subject. Temperance simply means, Masonically speaking, moderation, and has no special application to drink. It means moderation in all things. And while it might be called a virtue, yet no one who reflects upon the subject when applied to spirituous liquor only can or will be bold enough to say that moderate drinking is a virtue.

The language of Comp. Edwards that "Those who practice total abstinence exhibit a weakness," is a most remarkable statement, and very far from the truth as we look at it. We should not judge our Companion in favor of the doctrine. Can one be said to exhibit weakness who declines to do wrong? I regret that our Companion has placed himself on the wrong side of a great moral question.

NEW YORK.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Masonic Hall in the City of Albany, February 7th, 1882. All the Grand Officers were in attendance, together with ten Past Grand High Priests and one Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Representatives of one hundred and eighty-seven Subordinate Chapters were also present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. William T. Woodruff, read his Annual Address. As to the condition of the Craft, he says:

"The year now about to close has been more than ordinarily uneventful, and my labors as the executive have been exceedingly light. So far as I can learn, the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. No controversy of any kind has been brought to my notice. Nothing requiring judicial action has been demanded of me; and although the correspondence between the officers of Chapters and myself—in which advice was sought and decisions of questions of law asked—has been extensive, it has not been embarrassing, or at all troublesome, but on the contrary has been a source of pleasure to me."

The death of Comp. James S. French, Past Grand Scribe, was announced to have occurred May 4th, 1881. Also, the death of M. E. Comp. James McMurray Austin, who died December 3d, 1881. He was a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and P. G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The Grand High Priest says of him:

"No grander or nobler name appears upon the records of Masonry in the Empire State, than that of James M. Austin. Considering humanity's frailties, we can safely declare that no purer, better, or more conscientious man and Mason than Comp. Austin has honored our Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

"He was for twenty-eight years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and during that long period hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars, belonging to the Masons of New York, were intrusted to his hands without other security than his honor. In vain temptation assaulted his integrity. The large sums of money placed in his care were always accounted for, and paid over to the uttermost cent. Honesty was engraved in living characters on his manly face.

"Comp. Austin was born at Salem, Washington County, New York, November 12th, 1813. He was entered, passed, and raised in Phœnix Lodge, No. 58, at Lansingburg, in May, 1844. He affiliated with, and became the first Master of, Clinton Lodge, No. 140, at Waterford, December 27th, 1849. He affiliated with Mariners' Lodge, No. 67, in New York city, July 4th, 1853. On December 23, 1856, he became a charter member, at the revival of the old warrant, of Howard Lodge, No. 35, and continued his membership therein until his death He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York in June, 1853, and held that office uninterruptedly until his decease.

"He received the degrees of the Chapter at Lansingburg, in Phœnix Chapter, No. 133, in December, 1849. He subsequently affiliated with Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, in New York city, and, in 1855, affiliated with Orient Chapter, No. 138, and was elected its High Priest. He some time later affiliated with Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, and was in good standing in that body when he died.

"In 1857 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest, served two years, and, in 1859, was elected Grand High Priest, and was re-elected in 1860.

"In 1868 he was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and served in that office three years.

"He received the Orders of Christian Knighthood in Morton Commandery, No. 4, of Knights Templar, in New York city, in 1854, and continued his membership in that body until his decease.

"He received the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in 1866, and became an honorary member of the Supreme Council of that Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States."

The Treasurer's report shows the financial condition good.

A tabular statement shows a decrease of Royal Arch Masons of 252, and last year a decrease of 753, leaving the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter to be 15,028. Oneonta Chapter was constituted.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

M. E. James D. Pollard, Seneca Falls, Grand High Priest.
R. E. James E. Morrison, New York, Deputy G. H. Priest.
" Richard H. Huntington, Adams, Grand King.
" Richard H. Parker, Syracuse, Grand Scribe.
" John S. Dickerman, Albany, Grand Treasurer.
" Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.
" Rev. James B. Murray, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain,

who were duly installed.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented. It reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania receiving its full share of attention.

NORTH CAROLINA.

This Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington, on Tuesday, May 30th, 1882. A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, M. E. Grand High Priest James Southgate and most of the Grand Officers present. The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He said:

"I congratulate you, on this occasion, which to us is annually a meeting of great interest. From farm and workshop, from office and counter, we have come to exchange greetings, and in our capacities as delegates to labor for the welfare of our beloved Order. In the commencement of these exercises, it is eminently proper that we should with David exclaim, 'O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.' Our lives have been spared, the blessings of life have been ours, and while tornado, flood and disease have visited many portions of our country, North Carolina has been comparatively free from all these, and with prospects of abundant crops, we may look forward to still greater manifestations of loving kindness from the Author of all good.

"Then let us with humble hearts render homage to whom homage is due, and acknowledge Him in all our ways. As Masons we are taught to reverence His name, and that no man should engage in any important undertaking without first invoking His blessing. In entering upon the business for which we are assembled, we should in the spirit of friendship and brotherly love set our minds to devise the best means by which we can move forward in our great and glorious work of rebuilding our ruined walls, which in many places seem ready to crumble and fall.

"This accomplished, Capitular Masonry in North Carolina shall rise and shine in her grand and beautiful proportions, and our Grand Chapter, now one of the smallest stars in the constellation of Grand Chapters, take her station beside her sisters, the equal of any.

The deaths of R. E. Comp. Pleasant A. Holt, and Comp. Austin Davis were feelingly announced, and, after paying a high tribute to their memories, adds:

"Let us then imitate the good man in his virtuous and amiable conduct; in his unfeigned piety to God, in his inflexible fidelity to his trust, that we may welcome the grim tyrant death, and receive him as a kind messenger sent from our Most Excellent Grand High Priest to translate us from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious and celestial tabernacle above—that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

From a report of the Grand Secretary a list of twenty-seven dormant and extinct Chapters is shown in the State, and efforts are being made to revive them. These efforts so far are not very encouraging.

As to the condition of Capitular Masonry the Grand High Priest adds:

"In reviewing the labors of the past year as Grand High Priest, I am free to confess that there is much to discourage. A deadly apathy seems here and there to have fallen upon those who in days gone by were our best workers. To shake off this apathy will require almost superhuman effort. Internal dissensions have rooted out interest in many Chapters, and you will find where brotherly love is wanting, and every moral and social virtue does not cement, a fearful discord which lifts high the danger signal. I have devoted much of the time in endeavoring to ascertain the status of the Royal Craft, and think something has been done to increase that interest among the Craft which will eventuate in good."

The Grand Treasurer's account shows a small cash balance.

The Grand High Priest was re-elected, as well as the Grand Secretary.

There was no report on correspondence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Freemason's Hall, Halifax, on May 31st, 1881.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Lorenzo F. Darling, delivered his Annual Address. The death of Comp. Henry Pryor, Almon Grand Chaplain, was announced.

Comp. James Gossip, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. George T. Smithers, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a small balance to credit of Grand Chapter.

The report on correspondence reviews twelve grand jurisdictions. It is from the pen of Comp. George T. Smithers. This is the initiative report since 1875–76.

OHIO.

The sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Toledo, September 21st, 1881. All the Grand Officers present, together with Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of 139 Subordinate Chapters.

A constitutional number of representatives being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

Two Chapters received dispensations, one at Glendale, and the other at Geneva.

The death of Comp. Flavius J. Phillips, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, was announced.

The other portions of the address were of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good balance.

Comp. Daniel A. Scott, of Akron, was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Secretary.

The present number of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction, as per returns, shows 8,809, an increase over previous year of 224.

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence Comp. Thomas J. Melish, presented the Annual report. He reviews 37 Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned. The figures given of our membership are erroneous, a mistake of about 8000 too little.

QUEBEC.

The fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held on the 27th September, 1881, at Royal Albert Chapter rooms. All the Grand Officers present. Two Grand Superintendents, two Past Grand Superintendents, and one Past Grand Z.

Representatives from ten Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Z., J. H. Stearns, delivered his Annual Address.

In speaking of the condition of the Craft, he said:

"I am pleased to inform you, Companions, that notwithstanding the general prosperity of the order during the past year, yet owing to the wisdom exercised by you and my

learned predecessor, in perfecting our laws and regulations, I have had no disagreeable official duties to perform, and but few otherwise, and these few have been rendered comparatively light by the able and valuable assistance rendered me by our efficient and painstaking Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Grant. Our increase of membership in the Subordinate Chapters has not been large, yet the growth has, I trust, been a healthful one, nearly all of the Chapters reporting some work, and it is to be hoped that the material selected has been such as will stand the 'Grand Overseer's' square, so that, as we increase in numbers, we may grow in strength and usefulness."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the financial condition to be good.

R. E. Comp. Frank Edgar was elected M. E. Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. Angus Grant, Grand Scribe E.

Comp. Arthur F. Simpson, presented the Report on Correspondence. He reviews thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania not having been received, is omitted.

TENNESSEE.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-third Annual Convocation at Free Mason's Hall, in the city of Nashville, February 3d, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers were present.

Five Past Grand High Priests, three Past Deputy Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings, and two Past Grand Scribes, also present.

Representatives from twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. Sixteen Past High Priests, and the Representatives of forty-four Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

Mention was made of the death of Comp. George S. Blackie.

The charters of the following Chapters were arrested:

July 27, LaFayette, 11.
August 1, Mt. Pelia, 54.
" " Lavinia, 56.
" " Waverly, 60.
" 4, Greenville, 82.
October 15, Trenton, 31.
" " Bolivar, 34.
" " Morning Sun, 36.
" " Huntingdon, 38.
October 15, Berlin, 43.
" " Dukedom, 65.
" " Humboldt, 76.
" " Big Bottom, 94.
" " Georgetown, 98.
" " Grizzard, 104.
" " Celina, 111.
" 28, Georgetown, 89.

As to the condition of the order the Grand High Priest says:

"This subject demands our most serious and earnest attention. I am sorry to report that it is not as flourishing in this Grand Jurisdiction as it ought to be. I believe if left to itself a few years longer, it will settle into that apathy and indifference that is worse than death; but I am satisfied, with an earnest effort, it could *now* be easily aroused to a new life and a promising future."

Comp. William E. Eastman, of Nashville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

The financial condition, as per Grand Treasurer's Report, is good. Total number of Royal Arch Masons in the State 2385.

No report on correspondence.

TEXAS.

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Houston on Thursday, December 8th, 1881. All the Grand Officers present. A constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, John B. McMahon, presented and read his Annual Address.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a fine balance in the Treasury.

Comp. Peyton Newlin was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Robert Brewster, E. Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Comp. Robert M. Elgin. He reviews thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania, for 1880, being reviewed fraternally.

We quote a little.

"The Report on Correspondence, as usual, was presented by Comp. Chas. E. Meyer. He notices our Proceedings of 1879, but devotes but five lines to them.

"He says that the action taken by the Grand Chapter in regard to the status of a Royal Arch Mason suspended in his Lodge has met the cordial approval of all the Grand Bodies with which they are in correspondence, except one or two. In this we think he will find that he is mistaken. We believe that very few Grand Chapters will indorse the principle, when duly discussed; we think most of those who have expressed approval, have done so inconsiderately and without considering where they were drifting.

"In this connection we find the following, under the head of Canada:

"'Companion Henry Robertson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing, among others, Pennsylvania, for 1879. He comments on the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter in reference to Royal Arch Masons suspended by their Lodges for non-payment of dues, calls it unfraternal, and a breach of Masonic comity, and says:

"'Hitherto it has been an acknowledged maxim of Masonic international law, that the standing of a Mason at home governs his standing abroad. The same rule applies to Royal Arch Masons; if they are in good standing according to the laws of their own Grand Chapter, they are entitled to recognition as Royal Arch Masons wherever they go.'

"'To which we reply, that while such may be the custom in Canada, it is not universal. A Mason, no matter from whence he hails, is subject to the laws, be they good or bad, light or oppressive, fraternal or unfraternal, of the Grand Body within whose jurisdiction he may at the time be. We have already discussed this matter fully, and do not wish to repeat what we have said.'

"This we think as pure and unadulterated an article of sophistry as could well be promulgated. No one denies that a Mason is subject to the laws within whose jurisdiction he may be, but that does not in any way affect the truth of the maxim as laid down by Comp. Robertson. We fully agree with Comp. Robertson, and while the Pennsylvania resolution does not at all interfere with the rights of Masons in our own jurisdiction, because we have the genuine suspension for nonpayment, we regard it as wrong in principle and an improper interference with the affairs of sister Grand Chapters. While Pennsylvania has the right to make bad laws if she wants them, where they are such as to operate on visitors from other jurisdictions, outsiders have the right to criticise them."

VIRGINIA.

The seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Richmond, December 15th & 16th, 1881. All the Grand Officers present, and Representatives from nineteen Subordinate also present, together with three Past Grand High Priests.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, Peyton S. Coles, delivered his Annual Address.

A dispensation was granted for the consolidation of St. Alban's Chapter, No. 33, and Lafayette Chapter, No. 43, under the title of Lafayette Chapter, No. 43.

M. E. George Robert Atkinson was elected Grand High Priest, and E. William Bryan Isaacs, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

WISCONSIN.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee, on February 21st, 22d and 23d, 1882.

All the Grand Officers were present, and a constitutional number of Chapters, when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, Frederick Ring, Jr., delivered his Annual Address. As to the state of the order, he said:

"If the amount of work accomplished by the Chapters during the past year is any criterion of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction, we may congratulate ourselves on having had a favorable year. Although the reception of new material has been in excess of former years, yet, I am assured that all has been scrutinized with great care by the overseers, and they have reason to feel hopeful that no imperfect pieces have been passed."

A dispensation for a new Chapter was issued, to be held at New Richmond, St. Croix county, and another at Columbia Columbia county.

The Grand Treasurer's account shows a good balance.

Comp. John M. Evans, M. D., of Evansville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the missing, which is regretted by Comp. Cottrill.

CONCLUSION.

Our work is now finished. We hope it will meet your approval.

ANDREW ZANE, JR.,

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

1883.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

EDWARD P. LESCURE,
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MICHAEL NISBET,
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ANDREW ROBENO,
GEORGE E. WAGNER,
WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M.D.,
HIBBERT P. JOHN.

1883.

REPRESENTATIVES

TO AND FROM

SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS,

Whose Credentials have been officially acted upon by Grand Chapter.

To Pennsylvania.		From Pennsylvania.
SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	Louisiana,	HENRY R. SWASEY.
	New Jersey,	JOHN WOOLVERTON.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	New York,	CHARLES ROOME.
MICHAEL NISBET,	Nova Scotia,	FRASER W. DAKIN.
	Missouri,	REUBEN BARNEY, M.D.
MICHAEL NISBET,	Oregon,	JAMES R. BAYLEY.
JOHN L. YOUNG,	Maine,	MARQUIS F. KING.
HIBBERT P. JOHN,	Tennessee,	WILLIAM E. EASTMAN.
ANDREW ROBENO,	Maryland,	EDWARD T. SCHULTZ.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Illinois,	ASA W. BLAKELEY.
HORACE FRITZ,	Wisconsin,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	South Carolina,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Iowa,	CLARK VARNUM.
DAVID B. TAYLOR,	District of Columbia,	
THOMAS R. PATTON,	Nebraska,	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Massachusetts,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland,	LINDSAY MACKERSY.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Grand Mark Lodge of England,	WM. J. HUGHAN.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Quebec,	FRANK EDGAR.
DENNIS F. DEALY,	Nevada,	LEON M. L. BALDWIN.
THOMAS R. PATTON,	Canada,	DONALD McPHIE.
GEORGE W. WOOD,	Virginia,	
THOMAS JACOBS,	Mississippi,	S. C. CONLY.
WILLIAM J. KELLY,	Arkansas,	SAM. W. WILLIAMS.
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	Indiana,	SIMEON S. JOHNSON.
JOHN CURTIS,	Vermont,	FRANK H. BASCOM.
JAMES S. BARBER,	North Carolina,	DONALD W. BAIN.
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS,	Rhode Island,	SAMUEL G. STINESS

GRAND CHAPTERS, &c., in the UNITED STATES, CANADA and GREAT BRITAIN in Correspondence with the GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

	Organized.	Next place of Meeting.	No. of Subordinates	No. of Members	Address of Grand High Priest.	Address of Grand Secretary.
Alabama	June 2, 1827, Dec. 8, 1837.		34	700		Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas	April 28, 1851	Little Rock, Nov. 29, 1883	45	1,240	John G. Sumpter, Hot Springs	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California	July 27, 1854	San Francisco, April 10, 1883	53	3,124	Wm M. Petrie, Sacramento	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado	May 11, 1875	Denver, Sept. 20, 1883	12	654	Roger W. Woodbury, Denver	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut	March 17, 1798	New Haven, May 8, 1883	37	2,857	James H. Welsh, Danbury	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Delaware	January 20, 1869	Wilmington, Jan. 19, 1883	6	330	Thomas Davidson, Wilmington	H. B. McIntyre, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia.	May 3, 1867	Washington, Dec. 12, 1883	8	1,121	Jeremiah C. Allen, Washington	Lewis G. Stevens, Washington.
Florida	January 11, 1847		7	205	W. A. McLean, Jacksonville	D. C Dawkins, Jacksonville
Georgia	February 3, 1822	Atlanta, April 25, 1883	26	848	C. E. Lambdin, Barnesville	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.
Illinois	April 9, 1850	Chicago, Oct. 25, 1883	165	11,260	Samuel Shannon, Mt. Carmel	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana	December 25, 1845	Indianapolis, Oct. 17, 1883	77	4,551	Albert P. Charles, Seymour	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa	June 3, 1854	Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1883	97	5,413	A. C. Sherwood, Marshalltown	Wm. B. Langridge, Muscatine.
Kansas	January 27, 1854	Topeka, Feb. 21, 1883	49	1,728	George C. Kenyon, Abilene	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky	December 4, 1817	Louisville, Oct. 16, 1883	98	2,514	Howard R. French, Mt. Sterling	Joseph H. Branham, Louisville.
Louisiana	Mar. 1, 1813, May 1, 1848.	New Orleans, Feb. 13, 1883,	22	926	Andrew Hero, Jr., New Orleans	James C. Batchelor, New Orleans.
Maine	February 7, 1821	Portland, May 1, 1883	44	4,040	Joseph A. Locke, Portland	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland	June 24, 1797, Nov. 9, 1814	Baltimore, Nov. 13, 1883	12	1,132	Wm. F. Cochran, Baltimore	George L. McCahan, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	June 12, 1798	Boston, Dec. 11, 1883	69	9,196	Albert C. Smith, Boston	Zeph. H. Thomas, Cambridgeport.
Michigan	March 9, 1848	Detroit, Jan. 15, 1884	104	7,625	Geo. Hill, Portland	W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	December 17, 1859	St. Paul Oct. 10, 1883	32	1,032	O. G Miller, St. Paul	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi	May 18, 1846	Jackson, Feb. 12, 1883	51	1,509	William Richards, Satartia	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri	October 16, 1846	St. Louis, May 3, 1883	87	4,000	Erwin Ellis, Lebanon	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska	March 19, 1867	Grand Island, Dec. 4, 1883	24	1,047	William C. Munger, Fremont	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada	November 18, 1873	Virginia, June 11, 1883	8	412	Frank Bell, Romeo	John D. Hammond, Carson.
New Hampshire	June 10, 1819	Concord, May 15, 1883	21	2,279	Charles Towle, Concord	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey	November 30, 1856	Trenton, Sept. 12, 1883	35	2,355	C. L. Chovey, Madison	George B. Edwards, Jersey City.
New York	March 14, 1798	Albany, Feb. —, 1883	192	15,028	J. D. Pollard, Seneca Falls	C. G. Fox, Buffalo.
North Carolina.	June 21, 1822. June 28, 1847	Raleigh, May —, 1883	17	576	James Southgate, Durham	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio	October 24, 1816	Sandusky, Oct. 11, 1883	144	9,507	D. A. Scott, Akron	James Nesbitt, Troy.
Oregon	September 18, 1860	Portland, June 8, 1883	18	651	J. F. Robinson, Eugene City	R. P. Earhart, Salem.
Pennsylvania	December 17, 1795	Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1883	104	10,044	Augustus R. Hall, Philadelphia	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	March —, 1797	Providence, March —, 1883	10	1,634	John P. Sanborn, Newport	W. R. Greene, Providence.
South Carolina.	May 29, 1812	Charleston, Feb. 12, 1884	18	458	R. C. Watts Laurensville	J. E. Burke, Charleston.
Tennessee	April 3, 1828	Nashville, Feb. 1, 1882	73	2,385	Wm. E. Eastman, Nashville	John Frizzell, Nashville.
Texas	January 22, 1850	Houston Dec. 14, 1882	86	3,261	Peyton Nowlin, Waxahachie	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont	Dec. 20, 1804, July 18, 1849	Burlington, June 15, 1883	25	1,977	H. M. Phelps, Burlington	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Virginia	May 6, 1808		33	1,791	H. W. Murry, Louisa Court House	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia	November 16, 1871	Wheeling, Nov. 12, 1883				
Wisconsin	February 13, 1850	Milwaukee, Feb. —, 1883	54	3,421	John M. Evans, Evansville	John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee.
Canada	January 20, 1857	Ottawa, July 13, 1883	77	3,435	Donald Ross Picton	David McLellan, Hamilton.
Grand Lodge M. M. Masons of Eng. and Wales			313		Rt. Hon Lord Henniker	Fred. Binckes, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, W. C.
Nova Scotia	June —, 1870		12	435	James Gossip	George T. Smithers, Halifax.
Quebec	December 12, 1876	Montreal, Sept. —, 1883	10		Frank Edgar, Montreal	Angus Grant, Montreal.

STATISTICS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MARK LODGES

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GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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CHAPTERS.

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Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3.

Philadelphia. Third Monday.

JOHN H. DYE, High Priest.

George N. Watson, King. Thomas R. Kemp, Scribe.
Horace Fritz, Treasurer. Dennis F. Dealy, Secretary.

7 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 5 died; 2 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 369 members.

Perseverance Chapter, No. 21.

Harrisburg First Monday.

JOHN C. JENNINGS, High Priest.

Henry L. Bowers, King. John D. Lemer, Scribe.
William L. Gorgas, Treasurer. John I. Beggs, Secretary.

2 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 124 members.

Chapter No. 43.

Lancaster. Fourth Wednesday.

DAVID H. WYLIE, High Priest.

Wm. O. Marshall, King. Joel S. Eaby, Scribe.
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer. Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.

14 Marked; 14 Most Excellent; 14 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 3 died; 6 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 2 rejected; 258 members.

Harmony Chapter, No. 52.

Philadelphia. First Friday.

James H. Anderson, High Priest.

Ellsworth H. Hults, King. Joseph Orr, Scribe.
R. Lloyd Lee, Treasurer. John Curtis, Secretary.

25 Marked; 25 Most Excellent; 26 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 11 died; 8 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 2 rejected; 518 members.

Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

Philadelphia. Third Wednesday.

Charles Summerfield, High Priest.

Jacob Glaser, King. L. Hassell Lapp, Scribe.
George W. Wood, Treasurer. J. Alexander Simpson, Sec'y.

9 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 7 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 243 members.

Washington Chapter, No. 150.

Washington. First Friday.

James McDowell, High Priest.

Scholum J. Katzenstein, King. T. Fleming Birch, Scribe.
F. Whittlesey, Treasurer. Wm. C. Bryson, Secretary.

17 Marked; 17 Most Excellent; 17 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 32 members.

Reading Chapter, No. 152.

Reading. Second Monday.

Wm. A. Henry, High Priest.

Joel E. Slegel, King. J. Calvin Hoffeditz, Scribe.
Jesse Orr, Treasurer. John E. Hill, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 5 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 1 rejected; 193 members.

Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159.

Minersville. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Solomon A. Philips, High Priest.

Francis Bedford, King. Michael Merkle, Scribe.
Felix Schloss, Treasurer. Joseph H. Richards, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted, 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 2 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 28 members.

Union Chapter, No. 161.

Towanda. Second Wednesday.

Clarence T. Kirby, High Priest.

George W. Buck, King. George E. Davis, Scribe.
Wm. Chamberlin, Treasurer. James H. Codding, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 3 admitted; 2 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 90 members.

Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 126.

Pittsburgh. First Tuesday.

E. R. Armstrong, High Priest.

Alfred C. Wilson, King. Alexander M. Keppel, Scribe.
Benson S. Crumpton, Treas. Wm. T. Reiter, Secretary.

41 Marked; 39 Most Excellent; 38 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 9 died; 1 resigned; 7 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 332 members.

Lafayette Chapter, No. 163.

Lock Haven. Thursday after Full Moon.

John Schuyler, Jr., High Priest.

William K. Sedam, King. George Alfred Brown, Scribe.
Jacob Kamp, Treasurer. William H. Smith, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 101 members.

Brownsville Chapter, No. 164.

Brownsville. Second Tuesday.

WM. CHATLAND, High Priest.

George Campbell, King. Robert L. Aubrey, Scribe.
Thomas Duncan, Treasurer. George W. Lenhart, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 34 members.

Union Chapter, No. 165.

Uniontown. First Thursday.

MAX BAUM, High Priest.

Charles L. Springer, King. Samuel Cooper, Scribe.
William B. McCormick, Treas. Philip M. Hochheimer, Sec'y.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 32 members.

Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 166.

Holidaysburg. Third Tuesday.

JAMES P. STEWART, High Priest.

Geo. W. Smith, M.D., King. Andrew S. Stoyer, Scribe.
Alexander M. Lloyd, Treas. George A. Dobyne, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 41 members.

Eureka Chapter, No. 167.

Rochester. Friday after Full Moon.

JOHN CONWAY, High Priest.

Joseph S. Briggs, King. Adoniram J. Bonsall, Scribe.
Gilbert Pendleton, Treasurer. Cornelius Masten, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 60 members.

Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169.

Philadelphia. Second Wednesday.

James A. Kirkpatrick, High Priest.

Francis Muhlenburg, M.D., King. John M. Zook, Scribe.
George J. Becker, Treasurer. Charles W. Nolen, Sec'y.

3 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 4 died; 4 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 211 members.

Delta Chapter, No. 170.

New Castle. Monday on or before Full Moon.

William T. Butz, High Priest.

John H. Snider, King. Horace G. Miller, Scribe.
William D. Dickson, Treas. Charles S. Wallace, Secretary.

14 Marked; 14 Most Excellent; 14 Exalted; 0 admitted; 2 resigned; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 suspended; 0 rejected; 56 members.

St. John's Chapter, No. 171.

Carlisle. First Thursday.

William H. Woodward, High Priest.

Ernest J. Krause, King. James D. Rea, Scribe.
John Hyer, Treasurer. John G. Bobb, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 4 resigned: 8 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 49 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 172.

Tunkhannock. First Monday after Full Moon.

James W. Piatt, High Priest.

S. D. Bacon, King. Edgar Harding, Scribe.
Henry Barham, Treasurer. Draper Billings, Secretary.

8 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 24 members.

Easton Chapter, No. 173.

Easton. Fourth Monday.

GEORGE W. GEISER, High Priest.

Benjamin F. Siegert, King. Frank Milton Terry, Scribe.
Abraham S. Deichman, Treas. Samuel S. Yohe, Secretary.

12 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 4 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 4 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 118 members.

Northumberland Chapter, No. 174.

Sunbury. Tuesday preceding Full Moon.

ANDREW N. BRICE, High Priest.

James H. McDevitt, King. Thomas S. McMahan, Scribe.
Benj. Zettlemoyer, Treasurer. Jacob Shipman, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 45 members.

Keystone Chapter, No. 175.

Philadelphia. Second Tuesday.

WM. H. CRAP, High Priest.

Isaac Bedichimer, King. Henry J. Brooks, Scribe.
Wm. T. Taylor, Treas. Horace G. O. Ramborger, Sec'y p. t.

7 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 5 died; 3 resigned; 7 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 305 members.

George Washington Chapter, No. 176.

Chambersburg. Third Monday.

JACOB RINICK, High Priest.

Joseph R. Krichbaum, King. Wm. H. Beck, Scribe.
George Biestch, Treasurer. Allan C. McGrath, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 39 members.

Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177.

Tamaqua. First Friday after Full Moon.

PRESTON ROBINSON, High Priest.

Daniel Shepp, King. Richard Boyd, Scribe.
Emanuel J. Fry, Treasurer. Wm. Priser, Secretary.

0 Marked: 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 54 members.

Catawissa Chapter, No. 178.

Catawissa. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

SAMUEL E. JONES, High Priest.

John R. Pott, King. Samuel C. Baum, Scribe.
Solomon D. Rinard, Treas. Ambrose H. Sharpless, Sec'y.

4 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 2 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 31 members.

*Eureka Chapter, No. 179.**

Carbondale. Wednesday after Full Moon.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treasurer. Wm. R. Baker, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored; died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 75 members.

Warren Chapter, No. 180.

Montrose. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN R. RAYNSFORD, High Priest.

James R. Zerfas, King. Charles H. Smith, Scribe.
Wm. W. Smith, Treasurer. Wm. L. Cox, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; dropped 1; 43 members.

Lilly Chapter, No. 181.

Mauch Chunk. Fourth Tuesday.

Charles E. Foster, High Priest.

Laird H. Barber, King. Wm. F. Streeter, Scribe.
James I. Blakslee, Treasurer. Wm. W. Weaver, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 97 members.

**Shekinah Chapter, No. 182.*

Wilkes-Barre. Third Tuesday.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treasurer. John P. Pollock, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored; died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 72 members.

Oriental Chapter, No. 183.

Philadelphia. Third Thursday.

Levi B. McClees, High Priest.

Stockton Bates, King. John Sterling, Scribe.
Michael Nisbet, Treasurer. Jacob F. Stahl, Secretary.

48 Marked; 52 Most Excellent; 52 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 9 died; 3 resigned; 8 suspended; 1 expelled; 3 rejected; 628 members.

Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185.

Scranton. Second Tuesday.

Frederick Becker, Jr., High Priest.

John S. Ferguson, King. Jacob F. Hetzel, Scribe.
James Ruthven, Treasurer. C. L. VanBuskirk, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 3 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 4 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 91 members.

Lewistown Chapter, No. 186.

Lewistown. Third Tuesday.

HARRY R. ZERBE, High Priest.

Harry M. Van Zandt, King. Geo. E. Heinbach, Scribe.
David E. Robeson, Treasurer. Charles A. Zerbe, Secretary.

3 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 59 members.

**Oriental Chapter, No. 187.*

Conneautville. Third Friday.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treasurer. Forrest R. Nichols, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 34 members.

Mountain Chapter, No. 189.

Altoona. First Thursday.

JOHN K. RAY, High Priest.

William B. Miller, King. Amos C. Davis, Scribe.
Henry W. Snyder, Treas. Timothy Davis, Secretary.

11 Marked; 11 Most Excellent; 11 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 2 rejected; 86 members.

Norristown Chapter, No. 190.

Norristown. Second Monday.

JAMES A. WELSH, High Priest.

Wm. F. Slingluff, King. Isaac W. Smith, Scribe.
Joseph Shaw, Treasurer. Franklin T. Beerer, Secretary.

8 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 151 members.

Solomon Chapter, No. 191.

Meadville. First Tuesday.

EDWARD W. TANNER, High Priest.

Sturges T. Dick, King. Daniel G. Shryock, Scribe.
Norman C. McLaughlin, Treas. Henry Church, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 79 members.

Urania Chapter, No. 192.

Greensburg. Thursday after third Tuesday.

CYRUS N. STARK, High Priest.

Wm. M. Singer, King. Robert C. Mullin, Scribe.
Zach. P. Bierer, Treasurer. David W. Shryock, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 115 members.

Duquesne Chapter, No. 193.

Pittsburgh. Fourth Tuesday.

JOHN MCKAIN, High Priest.

John J. Thornton, King. Wm. J. A. Kennedy, Scribe.
George Glass, Treasurer. Joseph S. Brown, Secretary.

34 Marked; 34 Most Excellent; 34 Exalted; 1 admitted; 2 restored; 2 died; 1 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 311 members.

Tioga Chapter, No. 194.

Wellsboro'. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

HENRY W. WILLIAMS, High Priest.

Jerome B. Niles, King. Ezra B. Young, Scribe.
William Roberts, Treasurer. Max Bernkopf, Secretary.

3 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 24 members.

Portage Chapter, No. 195.

Johnstown. Fourth Tuesday.

JOHN D. ROBERTS, High Priest.

Charles Kropp, King. Adam S. Brubaker, Scribe.
John H. Dibert, Treasurer. Benjamin F. Speedy, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 61 members.

Mountain City Chapter, No. 195.

Pottsville. Monday after Full Moon.

HUGH N. COXE, High Priest.

Christian F. Conrad, King. Jeremiah H. Sterner, Scribe.
Morris Rohrheimer, Treas. Jeremiah J. Cake, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 84 members.

Weidle Chapter, No. 197.

Lebanon. Second Tuesday.

SIMON G. BOLTZ, High Priest.

Abram Hess, King. John David Brown, Scribe.
Joseph L. Lemberger, Treas. William G. Ward, Secretary.

3 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 67 members.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 198.

Phœnixville. Second Saturday after Full Moon.

WALTER MCFEAT, High Priest.

Daniel F. Moore, King. John Robb, Scribe.
Addison S. Vanderslice, Treas. Edward T. Plush, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 2 rejected; 94 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 199.

York. First Wednesday after First Monday.

GEORGE W. BRILLINGER, High Priest.

Edwin Myers, King. Edwin T. Moul, Scribe.
Isaac A. Elliot, Treasurer. Thomas Wood, Secretary.

12 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 3 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 85 members.

Columbus Chapter, No. 200.

Corry. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

EDWARD N. GIFFORD, High Priest.

John R. Mulkie, King. William H. Muzzy, Scribe.
Clarence G. Harmon, Treas. Orlando P. Eaton, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 4 suspended; 0 expelled; 2 rejected; 37 members.

Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201.

Huntingdon. First Tuesday.

MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, High Priest.

Richard I. Faust, King. J. Cloyd Seibert, Scribe.
Wm. B. Zeigler, Treasurer. Graffus Miller, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 43 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 202.

West Chester. First Monday after Full Moon.

MARSHALL H. MATLACK, High Priest.

Henry C. Baldwin, King. Charles B. Lear, Scribe.
Norris T. Smith, Treasurer. William D. Christman, Sec'y.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 50 members.

Allen Chapter No. 203.

Allentown. Monday on or before Full Moon.

WILLIAM F. SCHLECHTER, High Priest.

Augustus F. Shick, King. Erwin J. Balliet, Scribe.
Russell A. Thayer, Treas. Benjamin F. Abbott, Secretary.

2 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 3 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 122 members.

Anthony Wayne Chapter, No. 204.

Honesdale.

Warrant surrendered 1879.

Factoryville Chapter, No. 205.

Factoryville. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

CALVIN L. BRIGGS, High Priest.

Simon H. Briggs, King. Benager S. Gardner, Scribe.
G. S. Wilson, Treasurer. James C. Gardner, Secretary.

12 members.

**Harmony Chapter, No. 206.*

Beaver Falls. First Thursday.

HARRY GOLDSMITH, High Priest.

James Clayton, King. John R. Scott, Scribe.
George E. Smith, Treasurer. Augustus Tomlinson, Secy.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 17 members.

Aaron Chapter, No. 207.

Titusville. Third Friday.

JAMES R. BARBER, High Priest.

George H. Coburn, King. George H. Wilkins, Scribe.
Jacob Strauss, Treasurer. Smith C. Roof, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 11 resigned; 17 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 79 members.

Germantown Chapter, No. 208.

Germantown. Fourth Monday.

ALEXANDER KINNIER, High Priest.

John Whiteman, King. Joseph M. Hill, Scribe.
George Scatchard, Treasurer. Edwin R. Stevens, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 92 members.

Samuel C. Perkins Chapter, No. 209.

Mechanicsburg. Second Monday.

AUSTIN G. EBERLY, High Priest.

Samuel F. Huston, King. John H. Shopp, Scribe.
E. Rankin Huston, Treas. George Bobb, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 restored; 2 admitted; 1 resigned; 0 died; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 34 members.

Great Bend Chapter, No. 210.

Great Bend. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

CHARLES C. SIMMENS, High Priest.

William K. Squires, King. John W. Larrabee, Scribe.
Galen Newman, Treasurer. John H. Dusenbury, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 rejected; 48 members.

Venango Chapter, No. 211.

Franklin. Second Thursday.

CHRISTIAN M. HOOVER, High Priest.

Henry D. Hulin, King. David D. Grant Scribe.
Joseph Bell, Treasurer. Richard W. Redfield, Sec'y.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 64 members.

**Mound Chapter, No. 212.*

Greenville. Second and Fourth Mondays.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.

Treasurer. Henry H. Lininger, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored; died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 64 members.

**Girard Chapter, No. 213.*

Girard. Second and Fourth Fridays.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.

Treasurer. Alvin R. Smith, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored; died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 9 members.

Valley Chapter, No. 214.

Plymouth. Friday on or before Full Moon.

Peter H. Garrahan, High Priest.

John R. Lee, King. Jacob Roberts, Jr., Scribe.

Chas. W. Jenkins, Treasurer. Samuel U. Shaffer, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 36 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 215.

Erie. Second Friday.

Lafayette F. White, High Priest.

Henry W. DeWitt, King. John C. Brady, Scribe.

Herman T. Jarecki, Treas. Frank C. Mills, Secretary.

15 Marked; 15 Most Excellent; 15 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 1 restored; 120 members.

Zinzendorf Chapter, No. 216.

Bethlehem. Second Monday.

JOSEPH JOHNSTON, High Priest.

David J. Godshalk, King. Charles H. Wenhold, Scribe.
Bernhard E. Lehman, Treas. William V. Knauss, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 53 members.

Allegheny Chapter, No. 217.

Allegheny City. First Friday.

STEWART S. D. THOMPSON, High Priest.

George N. Lacock, King, Presley S. Brown, Scribe.
Nathan Graham, Treasurer. Adolphe H. Böcking, Sec'y.

20 Marked; 20 Most Excellent; 21 Exalted; 2 admitted; 2 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 4 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 233 members.

Bloomsburg Chapter No. 218.

Bloomsburg, First Wednesday.

GEORGE W. REIFSNYDER, High Priest.

Wm. J. Scott, King. Wm. McKelvy Hess, Scribe.
Jeremiah J. Brower, Treasurer. Christian F. Knapp, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 3 resigned; 7 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 54 members.

Griscom Chapter, No. 219.

Ashland. Third Thursday.

WM. A. PHILLIPS, High Priest.

Wm. H. Anthony, King. Albert J. Wagner, Scribe.
Chas. W. Hartman, Treas. George H. Helfrich, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected.; 35 members.

Fort Washington Chapter, No. 220.

Fort Washington. Thursday before Full Moon.

JOHN J. SLIFER, High Priest.

Henry J. Houpt, King. Charles H. Marple, Scribe.
Henry Unger, Treasurer. Joseph Rex, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 31 members.

Tremont Chapter, No. 221.

Tremont. Monday after Full Moon.

GEORGE D. ANDERSON, High Priest.

John Cowley, King. Joseph W. Bird, Scribe.
Daniel B. Althouse, Treas. Benjamin Kaufman, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 48 members.

Lycoming Chapter, No. 222.

Williamsport. Second Tuesday.

JOSEPH W. MUSSINA, High Priest.

Frank J. Richards, King. Wm. T. Corson.
Adolph Niemeyer, Treasurer. William R. Prior, Secretary.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 restored; 0 rejected; 107 members.

Oxford Chapter, No. 223.

Oxford. Wednesday after Full Moon.

HENRY G. DURBOROW, High Priest.

Albert Carhart, King. Septimus E. Nivin, Scribe.
Alex. H. Ingram, Treasurer. James Black, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 44 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 224.

Columbia. Second Tuesday.

JOSEPH W. YOCUM, High Priest.

William G. Taylor, King. Theodore L. Urban, Scribe.
Charles H. Pfahler, Treas. Andrew J. Kauffman, Sec'y.

0 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 2 admitted; 1 restored; 2 died; 3 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 68 members.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 225.

Brookville. First Monday.

JOHN N. GARRISON, High Priest.

Alexis L. Gordon, King. George W. Means, Scribe.
James K. Hamilton, Treas. Williamson D. J. Marlin, Sec'y.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 39 members.

Siloam Chapter, No. 226.

Frankford. Third Wednesday.

GEORGE HALE, JR., M.D., High Priest.

Michael H. Hoffman, King. Horace T. Fries, Scribe.
John Cooper, Treasurer. Thaddeus Stearne, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 115 members.

Emporium Chapter, No. 227.

Emporium. First and third Wednesdays.

JOHN W. KRINER, High Priest.

Cad G. Matson, King. John D. Logan, Scribe.
Leonard Taggart, Treasurer. George Metzger, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 41 members.

Clearfield Chapter, No. 228.

Clearfield. Second Monday after Full Moon.

WILLIAM H. DILL, High Priest.

John G. Schroyer, King. James P. Burchfield, Scribe.
Daniel W. McCurdy, Treas. William Radebaugh, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 39 members.

Newtown Chapter, No. 229.

Newtown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS, High Priest.

Robert Shields, King. Thomas C. Knowles, Scribe.
William K. Carver, Treas. I. Wilson Merrick, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 39 members.

Elk Chapter, No. 230.

Ridgway. Third Tuesday.

EUGENE J. MILLER, High Priest.

James B. Wicks, King. Amos B. Wheeler, Scribe.
Byron F. Ely, Treasurer. W. C. Healy, Secretary.

1 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 9 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 29 members.

Bristol Chapter, No. 231.

Bristol. Saturday after Full Moon.

BENJAMIN W. BOUTCHER, High Priest.

George W. White, King. Charles S. Vandegrift, Scribe.
William B. Baker, Treas. Israel S. Tomlinson, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 37 members.

St. John Chapter, No. 232.

Philadelphia. First Tuesday.

ROBERT G. PIDGEON, High Priest.

Edward J. James, King. Hext M. Perry, Scribe.
Jos. W. Price, Treas. Charles Carroll Burns, Sec'y.

17 Marked; 17 Most Excellent; 17 Exalted; 0 admitted; 2 restored; 5 died; 4 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 249 members.

Kensington Chapter, No. 233.

Kensington, 130 & 132 Richmond st., Philadelphia.
Fourth Monday.

JAMES T. HALL, High Priest.

William A. Piper, M.D., King. Louis Schmitt, Scribe.
John W. Lee, Treasurer. Charles K. Neisser, Secretary.

15 Marked; 15 Most Excellent; 15 Exalted; 1 admitted; 2 restored; 6 died; 3 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 350 members.

Media Chapter, No. 234.

Media. Thursday on or after Full Moon.

HOMER E. HOOPES, High Priest.

William E. Williamson, King. Charles B. Sprogell, Scribe.
Wardle Ellis, Treasurer. William Campbell, Secretary.

1 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 37 members.

Occidental Chapter, No. 235.

Warren. Second Monday.

CALEB C. THOMPSON, High Priest.

John M. Clapp, King. Joseph Walkerman, Scribe.
Andrew Hertzel, Treas. Wm. Borne, Secretary.

5 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 52 members.

Oil City Chapter, No. 236.

Oil City. Third Thursday.

ANDREW W. COX, High Priest.

Russell M. Lewis, King. Horatio Nelson Arnold, Scribe.
Thomas R. Cowell, Treas. Henry C. Goldsborough, Sec'y.

1 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 4 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 55 members.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 237.

Reading. First Thursday.

HORACE D. BOONE, High Priest.

David T. Schmehl King. John Barbey, Scribe.
George E. Haak, Treasurer. Thomas E. Weber, Secretary.

24 Marked; 26 Most Excellent; 26 Exalted; 4 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 167 members.

Newport Chapter, No. 238.

Newport. Monday after Full Moon.

JOHN P. HOPPLE, High Priest.

Edgar A. Tennis, King. Edward L. Kepner, Scribe.
William H. Bosserman, Treas. John P. Clark, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 32 members.

Danville Chapter, No. 239.

Danville. First Monday.

DANIEL S. BLOOM, High Priest.

William G. Kramer, King. Eugene J. Curtis, Scribe.
David Clark, Treasurer. Alex. J. Frick, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 45 members.

Palestine Chapter, No. 240

Philadelphia. Second Friday.

WM. E. STEEN, High Priest.

Wm. H. E. Marter, King. Henry C. Sharp, Scribe.
Wm. E. Krewson, Treasurer. Charles Mathews, Jr., Sec'y.

14 Marked; 14 Most Excellent; 14 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 1 resigned; 12 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 205 members.

Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241.

Bellefonte. First Friday.

JAS. C. HARPER, High Priest.

William F. Reber, King. John Hewitt, Scribe.
John P. Harris, Treasurer. George B. Weaver, Sec'y.

2 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 49 members.

Pittston Chapter, No. 242.

Pittston, Luzerne Co. Last Thursday.

ALEXANDER MCDOUGALL, High Priest.

John B. Law, King. John D. Green, Scribe.
Thomas E. Grier, Treasurer. Charles H. Foster, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 5 died; 0 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 restored; 0 rejected; 38 members.

Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243.

Philadelphia. First Friday.

EZRA S. BARTLETT, High Priest.

Joseph A. Abrams, King. Daniel E. Wilson, Scribe.
William T. Benner, Treas. George M. D. Apple, Sec'y.

14 Marked; 13 Most Excellent; 13 Exalted; 3 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 197 members.

Norman Chapter, No. 244.

Sharon, Mercer Co. Second Tuesday.

GEORGE TRIBBY, High Priest.

Theodore M. Ford, King. John C. Onsley, Scribe.
M. Zahniser, Treasurer. John Ambler, Secretary.

12 Marked; 10 Most Excellent; 11 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 resigned; 0 restored; 1 died; 5 suspended; 0 rejected; 73 members.

**Abington Chapter, No. 245.*

Jenkintown, Montgomery Co. Tuesday after Full Moon.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treasurer. Edward Bright, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored; died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 39 members.

Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246.

Watsontown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

PHINEAS LEISER, High Priest.

John T. McClure, King. Robert Buck, Scribe.
Frederick H. Knight, Treas. Wm. F. Shay, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 43 members.

Orient Chapter, No. 247.

Kittanning. Second Monday.

JAMES P. COULTER, High Priest.

John Gilpin, King. Joseph S. Smith, Scribe.
George H. Fox, Treasurer. George T. Crawford, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 68 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 248.

Philadelphia. Third Tuesday.

HENRY GRIM, High Priest.

Isaac C. Price, King. Charles F. Fisher, Scribe.
Joseph S. Wright, Treas. Elvin Klautsheck, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 173 members.

**Monongahela Chapter, No. 249.*

Monongahela City. Tuesday after Full Moon.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treasurer. S. D. Culbertson, Secretary.

26 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 250.

Philadelphia. First Monday.

LEANDER C. HALL, JR., High Priest.

A. C. W. Beecher, M.D., King. William R. Peddle, Scribe.
Arnold M. Davis, Treasurer. James McCormick, Secy.

13 Marked; 16 Most Excellent; 16 Exalted; 3 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 4 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 192 members.

Signet Chapter, No. 251.

Philadelphia. Third Wednesday.

WILLIAM J. BARR, High Priest.

Rev. Jas. W. Robins, D.D., King. Horace F. Whitman, Scribe.
Silas W. Pettit, Treasurer. Oscar R. Meyers, Sec'y.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 6 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 111 members.

Mizpah Chapter, No. 252.

Mahanoy City. Thursday after Full Moon.

DAVID HUTCHISON, High Priest.

John W. Hardley, King. John Holland, Scribe.
Samuel Parmley, Treasurer. Phaon Hermany, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 37 members.

North East Chapter, No. 253.

North East, Erie Co. Second Monday.

ROSCOE A. DAVIDSON, High Priest.

Isaac Horton, King. Norman H. Clark, Scribe.
Alfred Short, Treas. Henry S. Nash, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 restored; 0 admitted; 2 resigned; 0 died; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 23 members.

Arnold Chapter, No. 254.

Port Allegany, McKean Co. First Tuesday.

PETER A. MCDONALD, High Priest.

H. Jay Barrett, King. Wm. A. Young, Scribe.
Frank D. Simar, Treasurer. Carlton R. Bard, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 5 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 32 members.

Bedford Chapter, No. 255.

Bedford. 3d Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

JAMES CLEAVER, High Priest.

D. Stewart Elliot, King. Thomas S. Gilchrist, Scribe.
William Lauder, Treas. Rev. Charles M. Stock, Sec'y.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 0 restored; 41 members.

Fernwood Chapter, No. 256.

Fernwood, Delaware Co. First Tuesday.

HENRY C. MCKNIGHT, High Priest.

Albert H. Walters, King. Michael Young, Scribe.
Oliver B. Moss, Treasurer. Alfred C. Neall, Sec'y.

1 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 70 members.

Shiloh Chapter, No. 257.

Pittsburgh. First Monday.

ALLEN CAMPBELL KERR, High Priest.

George W. Haslett, King. Charles J. Cassity, Scribe.
Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer. George P. Balmain, Secretary.

14 Marked; 14 Most Excellent; 16 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 107 members.

Chester Chapter, No. 258.

Chester, Delaware Co. Last Monday.

CHARLES F. FOSTER, High Priest.

Henry W. Cullis, King. Robert P. Mercer, Scribe.
William Taylor, Treas. Theodore W. Stone, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 91 members.

Eden Chapter, No. 259.

Edenburg, Clarion Co. Second Tuesday.

JOSEPH B. PAINTER, High Priest.

George F. Kribbs, King. Walter W. Greenland, Scribe.
James J. Donahue, Treasurer. Jacob Black, Jr., Secretary.

3 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 3 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 38 members.

Bradford Chapter No. 260.

Bradford, McKean Co. First and Third Thursdays,

WILLIAM H. CLARK, High Priest.

David S. Kemp, King. Henry Trumbower, Scribe.
Charles L. Wheeler, Treas. William H. H. Fithian, Sec'y.

39 Marked; 39 Most Excellent; 41 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 5 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 122 members.

Troy Chapter, No. 261.

Troy, Bradford Co. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

ROBERT C. KENDALL, High Priest.

Warren Landon, King. Delos Rockwell, Scribe.
Francis Green, Treasurer. Charles E. Riggs, Secretary.

25 Marked; 20 Most Excellent; 20 Exalted; 14 admitted; 1 resigned; 38 members.

Montgomery Chapter, No. 262.

Ardmore, Montgomery Co. Thursday on or after Full Moon.

WM. HENRY SUTTON, High Priest.

Joseph T. McClellan, King. J. Newton Marshall, Scribe.
George G. Lennig, Treas. Thomas McCully, Secretary.

23 Marked; 23 Most Excellent; 22 Exalted; 10 admitted; 33 members.

Coudersport Chapter, No. 263.

Coudersport, Potter Co. First and third Wednesdays.

WILLIAM KNIGHT JONES, High Priest.

Don Carlos Larrabee, King. Wm. Wallace Thompson, Scribe.
David White, Treasurer. Nelson H. Goodsell, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 12 admitted; 18 members.

MARK LODGES.

Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

Philadelphia. Second Monday.

FRANKLIN GARRIGUES, Worshipful Master.

Wm.W. Mayberry, Sr.Warden. Wm. H. Dougherty, Jr.Warden.
B. Frank Abbett, Treasurer. James Bleloch, Secretary.

1 Marked; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 8 died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 633 members.

Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

Philadelphia. Second Tuesday.

WM. ELDER, Worshipful Master.

Thos. B. Reeves, Sr. Warden. Edward Strickland, Jr. Warden.
George W. Wood, Treasurer. Thomas S. Woodbury, Sec'y.

0 Marked; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 13 died; 0 resigned; 2 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 597 members.

Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

Philadelphia. Third Tuesday.

FRANCIS LUKE, Worshipful Master.

William H. Stoyle, Sr. Warden. Charles W. Carns, Jr. Warden.
Thos. R. Patton, Treasurer. Samuel W. Wray, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 7 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 456 members.

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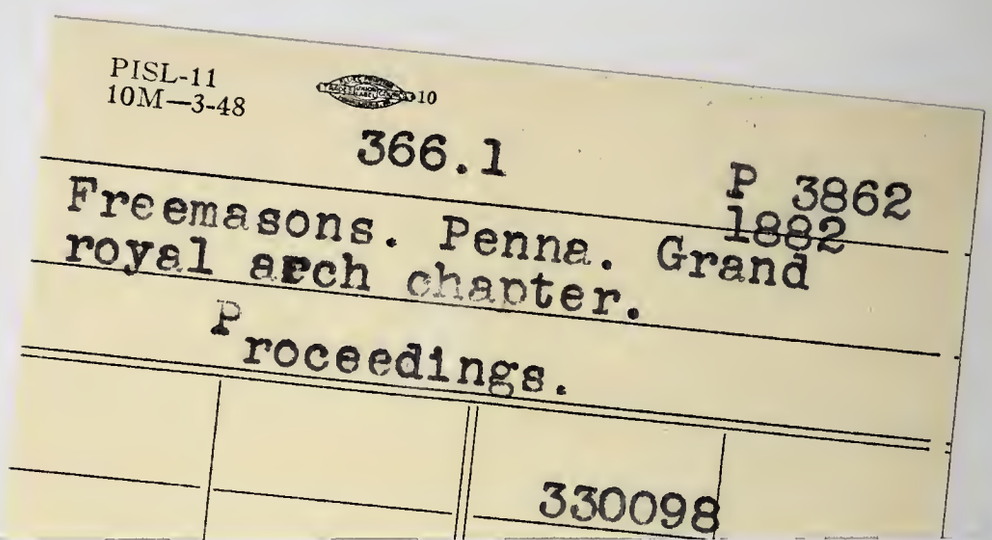

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